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World Bank cites Marikina one of four model cities

By Doris C. Dumlao

TOKYO—MARIKINA, WHICH ASPIRES TO BE A little Singapore someday, was summoned here to share with the world a thing or two about its success in building infrastructure as the key toward competitiveness.

The shoe-making town turned urban planning model, much celebrated for its innovative infras-

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How lowly water bottle caused big mining incident

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

DAHIL SA ISANG BOTENG NAKABARA, NABARA RIN SILA!

WHO WOULD HAVE thought an insignificant water bottle would cause the most talked-about mining incident in the post-Mining Act era?

Based on the report

HOW LOWLY/ A8

Probers eye 'jueteng' war

Crime syndicates could be behind attack on Batangas governor

By Marlon Ramos
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

BATANGAS CITY—ORganized crime groups based in Batangas, including big-time "jueteng" operators, may have been behind the bomb attack on Gov. Armando Sanchez that killed two of his aides, officials said yesterday.

Senior Supt. Ricardo Padilla, head of a special team looking into Thursday's attempt on Sanchez's life, said his group was collating information that the governor had provoked the ire of syndicates involved in oil pilferage, drug trafficking, extortion and hijacking of delivery trucks after he ordered the police to go after them a few months ago.

Sanchez's crackdown on the illegal numbers game "jueteng" was also being looked into, provincial administrator Ronaldo Geron said.

Calabarzon police regional director Chief Supt. Prospero Noble appeared to downplay the jueteng angle in the attack on Sanchez.

"*Malayo ang angulo na yan. Hindi naman si* governor *nagpapa-jueteng* (That's a farfetched angle. The governor does not allow jueteng operations)," Noble told the INQUIRER.

But Noble admitted there were guerrilla jueteng operations in Batangas. These are small-scale clandestine draws held on the run in different barangays, unlike

PROBERS/ A8

A WALK IN THE PARK. It's green and clean as far as the eye can see at the La Mesa Eco-Park in Quezon City, an oasis in the midst of the sound and fury of the asphalt jungle. Daily, weary urbanites stream into this lush sanctuary to escape from the hustle and bustle of their lives like these two nuns savoring tranquil moments when, perhaps, they can even hear the voice of the divine. Of late, controversy has disturbed the serenity of the park. But that is another story. EDWIN BACASMAS

State of RP education: Freebies are not enough

(First of three parts)

MA. THERESA FALCONE SHOULD consider herself lucky.

She goes to Gen. Pio del Pilar National High School in Makati—one of the best run in the country.

It has all the basic amenities students in most Philippine public high schools can only dream of.

The 15-year-old from a middle class household in Bangkal gets free notebooks, pens, pencils, workbooks, shoes, bags, uniforms, raincoats.

Still, what she gets are not enough.

"We lack facilities, like laboratories. Computers are being shared," she rightly complains.

She says she is doing well. But overall, the school isn't, judging by the results of the National Achievement Tests conducted in 2004 by the Department of Education (DepEd).

The topnotcher was a small

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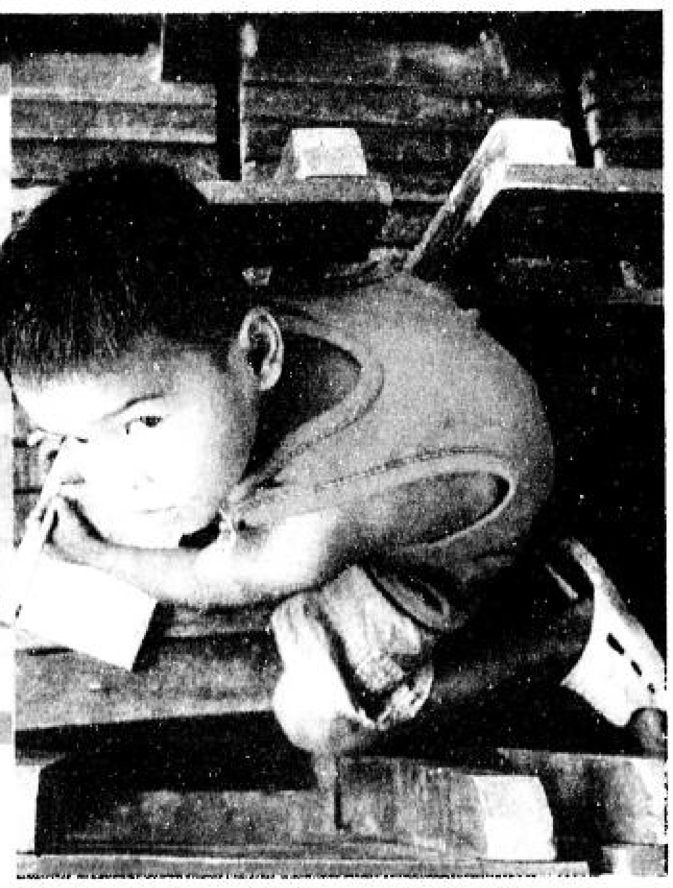
AT A GLANCE

BASIC EDUCATION

- Government runs **41,769** public schools
  - **37,000** elementary
  - **4,769** secondary (+**700** annexes)
- National teachers force: **463,305**
  - **340,231** elementary
  - **123,074** secondary
- Public and private education
  - **13 million** elementary students
  - **6.5 million** high school students
- Teacher-Pupil ratio
  - **1:36** elementary
  - **1:41** high school
- Shortage
  - **4,483** elementary teachers
  - **6,509** high school teachers
  - **6,000** classrooms*
- **267** barangays without elem. school
- **5** municipalities without high school
- **7,989** private schools
  - **4,658** elem. schools (11% share)
  - **3,331** high schools (41% share)

HIGHER EDUCATION

- **1,605** universities and colleges
  - **174** public
  - **1,431** private
- **466,000** college freshmen****



SCHOOL BLUES? President Arroyo lapses into a pensive mood during the roundtable discussion with education officials on Saturday. LYN RILLON

LEARNING THE 3Rs at the Lupang Pangako Elementary School. *(For 'At a Glance' sources, see page A17)* JOAN BONDOC

i-TEAM Report
Fernando del Mundo
Chief, PDI i-Team

Poor Samar HS rich in test scores

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

LOPE DE VEGA, NORTHERN Samar—Time was when the students of the national high school of this fifth-class municipality were the butt of jokes whenever they took part in inter-school academic competitions.

"*Yadi na ang mga taga iraya* (Here come the students from the mountains)," students from other schools would taunt them in the native Waray.

There's no cause to laugh anymore.

The Lope de Vega National High School, about two hours and some 45 kilometers of rough

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SCHOOL SMARTS: Students at the Lope de Vega National High School in Northern Samar are a happy lot as their school though located in a 5th class municipality topped the 2003-04 National Achievement Test and was adjudged the country's best public high school, beating all of Metro Manila's.

The view from the top: Wow!

By Nikko Dizon

BEFORE THEY SET OUT TO SCALE the world's highest peak, Leo Oracion and Erwin Emata had come to terms with the unthinkable.

They signed a document containing an important agreement that they had made with the leader of the First Philippine Mt. Everest Expedition team: Should the two climbers die in their quest to reach the summit, their bodies would not be retrieved.

"We talked about their options, if something happened to them," said FPMEE team leader Art Valdez.

There were three choices—cremation, burial at home, or burial on the mountain.

"They decided on burial on the mountain," Valdez said.

But the breathtaking view of other snow-capped peaks, the nearness of the sky, and the sweet, strong hum of the wind made everything worth it.

"I sat still on the peak; it was around 4 p.m.," recalled Oracion. "I was very happy. I felt that all my sacrifices, my team's sacrifices, had paid off."

Emata was able to see the explosion of color as the sun rose, and could only marvel at the beauty of it: "*Sobrang ganda!*"

Asked if the thought of being the first Filipino to reach the peak

THE VIEW/ A10

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Central and Northern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening. SOURCE: PAGASA

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Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy	Iloilo/Bacolod	Rains
Baguio	Cloudy with Rains	Roxas	Cloudy with Rains
Tuguegarao	Cloudy with Rains	Cebu	Cloudy with Rains
Laoag	Cloudy with Rains	Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains
Clark Zone	Cloudy with Rains	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains
Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

Higher US wages boon to RP, says labor group

By Jerome Aning

RISING WAGES IN THE UNITed States will drive companies there to farm out more technology-empowered service jobs to the Philippines faster than originally anticipated, a labor federation said yesterday.

The Trade Union Congress of the Philippines said this would spur more offshore job opportunities for Filipinos that the government should take advantage of by helping improve workers' skills, particularly in English.

TUCP secretary general Ernesto Herrera said the Business Processing Association of the Philippines's previous estimate that technology-aided outsourced services, mostly call centers and backroom and transcription offices, would employ up to 920,764 Filipinos and generate as much as $12.2 billion in annual revenues by 2010, was conservative.

"The opportunities are definitely huge for local business process outsourcing providers. However, they can only get new contracts as fast as they can recruit qualified college graduates with adequate English communication skills," he stressed.

"Thus, the need for us to bridge the English gap," he added, citing the decline in English proficiency among Filipino college graduates.

The former senator said that if only five of every 100 graduates now had acceptable English skills, government and the outsourcing industry must quickly raise this to at least 20 out of 100.

To achieve this, Herrera proposed the restoration of English as the medium of instruction in all schools effective academic year 2007-2008, at the latest.

He also batted for the "mandatory mass retooling and re-certification" of teachers in English, and the total revamp of the education department down to the school level so the agency could be geared up for the language's revival.

The current federal hourly minimum wage in the US stands at $5.15. Key members of the US Congress want this raised to at least $7.25. This would mean automatic increases in all US states, except Connecticut, Oregon, Vermont and Washington—where the hourly minimum wage is already $7.25 or higher.

Meanwhile, eight states have prescribed new minimum wage increases, and seven more are set to vote on proposed adjustments.

New Jersey, for instance, is raising the hourly minimum wage from $6.15 to $7.15 effective Oct. 1. Effective Jan. 1, 2007, the hourly minimum in New York would be raised from $6.75 to $7.15; Connecticut from $7.40 to $7.65, and Hawaii from $6.75 to $7.25.

Palace: Budget standoff to hurt ordinary Pinoys

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Christine O. Avendaño

MALACAÑANG WARNED YESTERDAY IT WAS the average Filipino who would suffer the most if the senators and congressmen fail to come to terms when they face off today in a bid to reconcile their differences over the long-delayed 2006 national budget.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye reminded lawmakers that the people had been patiently carrying the burden of tough economic reforms and "we need to give them the maximum payback for their sacrifices" through a budget that will enable the country to "weather these times of difficulty."

"We have to uphold the welfare of the people in a holistic manner through various basic services, including critical socioeconomic interventions at the grassroots level, combined with a strong program on crucial infrastructure and key security programs," Bunye said in a statement on the eve of deliberations on the budget by Congress's bicameral conference committee.

Sen. Manuel Villar, chair of the Senate finance committee, said he had asked the two panels of the House and the Senate to convene today, even if it's a Sunday, so they could immediately begin the tedious task of reconciling the P64-billion difference in their versions of the 2006 budget, the first time the proposed national outlay breached the P1-trillion mark.

The bicameral committee, also dubbed the "Third Chamber," is pressed for time because Congress will adjourn on June 9.

Villar said a deadlock was possible because of the huge differences in the budget versions of Malacañang, the Senate and the House. With just a week to hammer out a compromise, Villar said an impasse could result in a reenacted budget, which would be much lower.

President Macapagal-Arroyo submitted a proposed budget of P1.053 trillion for 2006. The House approved a P1.04-trillion budget and the Senate reduced it further to P1.027 trillion.

"If we fail to come to terms, we will have a reenacted budget for the rest of the year," Villar said in a telephone interview.

The Senate slashed the House version by P64 billion. Of this, P26.3 billion was cut from programmed funds and P37.7 billion from unprogrammed appropriations, which would be funded only when there is an increase in revenues.

The Senate shelved the P3-billion Kalayaan Barangay Program Fund and the P3.7-billion Kilos Asenso Support Fund, which the senators considered a huge new pork barrel for the President, who is pushing for a shift to a parliamentary system of government with a unicameral legislature through Charter change.

Villar, who leads the 12-member Senate panel against an even bigger House contingent, said both sides were not expected to budge on the first day of the session.

"It will just be ceremonial. We are expected to stand pat on our respective versions, it's (like singing our) national anthem," Villar said.

Villar will be joined by Senators Joker Arroyo, Ralph Recto, Mar Roxas, Richard Gordon, Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., Juan Ponce Enrile, Serge Osmeña, Jinggoy Estrada, Alfredo Lim, Panfilo Lacson and Jamby Madrigal in defending the Senate version. The House panel will be led by Rep. Jose Ma. Salceda.

Villar said the bicameral session was scheduled to open at 10 a.m. today at the Philippine Coconut Authority building in Quezon City. Villar said the two panels decided not to hold the meeting in last year's venue, the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel at the CCP Complex, to save money.

"We want to start fresh," Villar said when asked what his approach at the bicam would be. "Putting things in perspective, our version is only 2.5 percent lower so the difference is not really that big."

"We'll try our best to reconcile (our differences) but we must be prepared for a deadlock, which is highly probable," Villar said.

Villar said failure by the bicameral committee would result in a reenacted budget, which he said would be bad for the country, because the 2005 budget was substantially smaller at P907.56 billion.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said in a radio interview he had not yet given up on the legislators.

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Traders blackmailing GMA, charges solon

A HOUSE LEADER YESTERDAY accused big business of trying to blackmail the administration by threatening to withdraw support for Charter change if President Macapagal-Arroyo signs into law the staggered P125 legislated wage hike.

Deputy Majority Leader Edcel Lagman said the threat allegedly made by Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Donald Dee was "brazen blackmail."

"Businessmen's commitment to Charter change is merely pocket-deep...Capitalists are unreliable allies once their profits are endangered even by the just demands of social justice," Lagman said in a statement.

Lagman said a nationwide across-the-board increase was justified because workers' wages had been "depleted by inflation and the escalating costs of basic commodities and services even as there were negligible differences in the cost of living among regions."

"Capital forgets that labor is its indispensable partner in production and is also entitled to a fair return of its inputs," he said.

Lagman is one of the authors of the wage hike bill which the House passed on second reading last Wednesday. The P125 daily wage increase is to be paid out over a three-year period until 2008.

But Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye threw cold water on congressional efforts to legislate a wage hike, saying the regional tripartite wage boards and not Congress were the "best venue" to resolve the issue.

He said the government, workers and employees might be better able to work out a "win-win situation" on the issue, without Congress having to pass a law.

"The boards are already engaged in their work and have in fact moved forward in some regions," he said.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said there was a need to look closely at the reaction of companies, chambers of commerce and owners of factories.

He said the companies "probably cannot afford a legislated wage hike," and the situation would only be aggravated if some companies would have to shut down because of the legislated wage hike.

"We have to balance this well, we cannot say that we agree to [the legislated wage hike] or we don't agree with it," he told dzRB radio.

Taking her cue from Malacañang, outgoing Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas yesterday said the boards were still the "best mechanism" for determining wage increases.

Since their inception in 1988, the boards have performed "the delicate and difficult task of balancing the interests of workers and employers, as well as of government," she said in a statement.

"The boards continually uphold the mandate of providing a decent standard of living for workers and ensuring the survival and viability of businesses, more so small and medium enterprises," Sto. Tomas said. *Philip C. Tubeza, Jerome Aning, Christine Avendaño, and Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Gas, LPG prices up again

OIL FIRMS YESTERDAY RAISED the pump prices of gasoline and kerosene by 50 centavos per liter and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) by 56 centavos per kilogram.

Refiner Petron Corp. jacked up prices at 6 p.m. yesterday while new player Eastern Petroleum Corp. follows at noon today.

Flying V will implement the same price adjustments at 12:01 a.m. tomorrow.

The oil firms, however, did not increase diesel prices in an effort to help ease the burden on the public transport sector.

Data from the Department of Energy showed that the regional benchmark Dubai crude inched up to a June average of $65.22 a barrel from $65 a barrel last month.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products, meanwhile, dropped to $85.60 a barrel on the first day of June from a May average of $86.80 a barrel.

The international contract price of LPG this month remained pegged at the May price of $470 per metric ton (MT).

The new price adjustments bring premium unleaded gasoline prices to between P40.29 and P42 per liter, diesel to between P34.70 and P37.55 per liter, and kerosene to between P37 and P40.50 per liter. LPG prices now range from P442.16-P491.16 per 11-kg cylinder. *Abigail L. Ho*

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Simple rites mark Ka Teroy burial

TABACO CITY—MORE THAN A hundred people joined the funeral march for former New People's Army leader Sotero "Ka Teroy" Llamas at the Tabaco Catholic Cemetery yesterday.

Crowds of sympathizers and onlookers flanked both sides of Ziga Avenue as the cortege passed by.

Dante Jimenez, chair of the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC), was the only prominent personality to attend the Mass and funeral.

No local officials

No local officials showed up for the funeral and the Urban Poor Organization of Tabaco was the only militant group represented at the burial.

Necrological services followed immediately after the Mass celebrated by friends of the family, Monsignors Richard Base and Ramon Tonqued.

Llamas's sister, Victoria Llamas-Poblete, who emceed the services, paid a comic tribute to her brother to lighten the mood, amid the crying of Llamas's widow Nemia, their five daughters and grandchildren.

A niece, Miles Poblete, who was grand champion of a GMA 7 pop song contest some years ago and a sometime recording artist, sang a song.

Llamas's daughter Marilyn sang "Sing Me A Song, Daddy" but was so overcome by emotion when she came to the line "and now that you have gone....." she was unable to finish.

Weak political leadership

Jimenez told reporters that the killing of Llamas showed that the political leadership was weak.

"Even a known person could be killed just like that," Jimenez said in Filipino, noting how badly the peace and order situation in Bicol had deteriorated.

The VACC chair argued against the abolition of the death penalty at this time.

Buy and sell

Felipe Imperial, Llamas's high school classmate, said that after he was caught in an encounter in 1995 and returned to normal life, Llamas told him that his dream was to finish college and engage in the buying and selling of scrap.

The 56-year-old Llamas, a former commander of the NPA in Bicol, was ambushed and shot dead by two men on a motorcycle as he drove with a friend through a narrow road in this city.

Llamas left the armed movement after his arrest in 1992 and served as a consultant for communist rebels negotiating a peace settlement with the government.

He was a founding organizer of the Bayan Muna party-list group and served as its director for political relations from 2001 until 2003.

11th officer killed

He resigned from the organization when he ran for governor of Albay in 2004, but lost to Gov. Fernando Gonzalez.

Robert de Castro, Bayan Muna secretary general, said Llamas was the 11th Bayan Muna officer to be killed in Bicol in the past two years. *Job B. Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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FAMILY, friends and supporters take Ka Teroy Llamas to his final resting place at the Tabaco Catholic cemetery in Albay yesterday.

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Time reporter sympathetic to 'other side,' says Gonzalez

APPARENTLY FRUSTRATED AT HIS FAILURE to get Time Magazine's Manila correspondent to talk, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez has accused Nelly Sindayen of being sympathetic to the key personalities allegedly involved in the Feb. 24 plot to topple the government.

"I think she's sympathetic to the other side," said Gonzalez of Sindayen who has evaded government attempts to get her to reveal the names of three "middle-level officials" and businessmen who reportedly attended a meeting at the Dasmariñas Village home of Jose "Peping" Cojuangco, a brother of former President Aquino, on the eve of the attempted coup.

"She was [one of the] dramatis personae," he said, adding that this made her a "star witness" in the government's case against the alleged coup plotters.

Sindayen, who attended the Feb. 23 dinner, wrote a story on the meeting where she said a possible plan for a "withdrawal of support" from the President, including the role of disgruntled soldiers in a "planned movement against Arroyo" and the formation of a new government, was discussed.

She reported that more than a dozen "middle-level politicians" and businessmen, including Pastor "Boy" Saycon, a leader of the anti-Arroyo Council of Philippine Affairs, Rep. Robert Jaworski Jr. and former congressman Ding Tanjuatco, were in and out of the meeting.

"If she's not sympathetic to Peping and Boy, why can't she tell us who were the people there," Gonzalez said in a phone interview.

The National Bureau of Investigation earlier sent letters of invitation to Saycon, Cojuangco and Sindayen to shed light on the Time article, but Sindayen ignored the invitation and instead submitted a letter through a lawyer saying that she stood by her story.

Saycon and Cojuangco have denied the report, saying that what they discussed were preparations for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the first Edsa People Power Revolution on Feb. 25.

According to Gonzalez, the authorities only wanted Sindayen to tell them the identities of those who were at the meeting. *Armand N. Nocum*

What's P4.2M for, lawmaker asks

AN OPPOSITION LAWMAKER YESTERDAY questioned the release by the Arroyo administration of P4.2 million to the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), which is in the final stages of peace talks with the government.

Iloilo Rep. Rolex Suplico said the government must be transparent about any peace deal it had reached with the rebels and asked it to explain the P4.2-million release, which was allegedly funded by the Japanese government.

"National Peace Adviser Secretary Jesus Dureza said that Japan funded the MILF P4.2 million, through the MILF Bangsamoro Development Agency. Is this a grant or a loan?" Suplico asked.

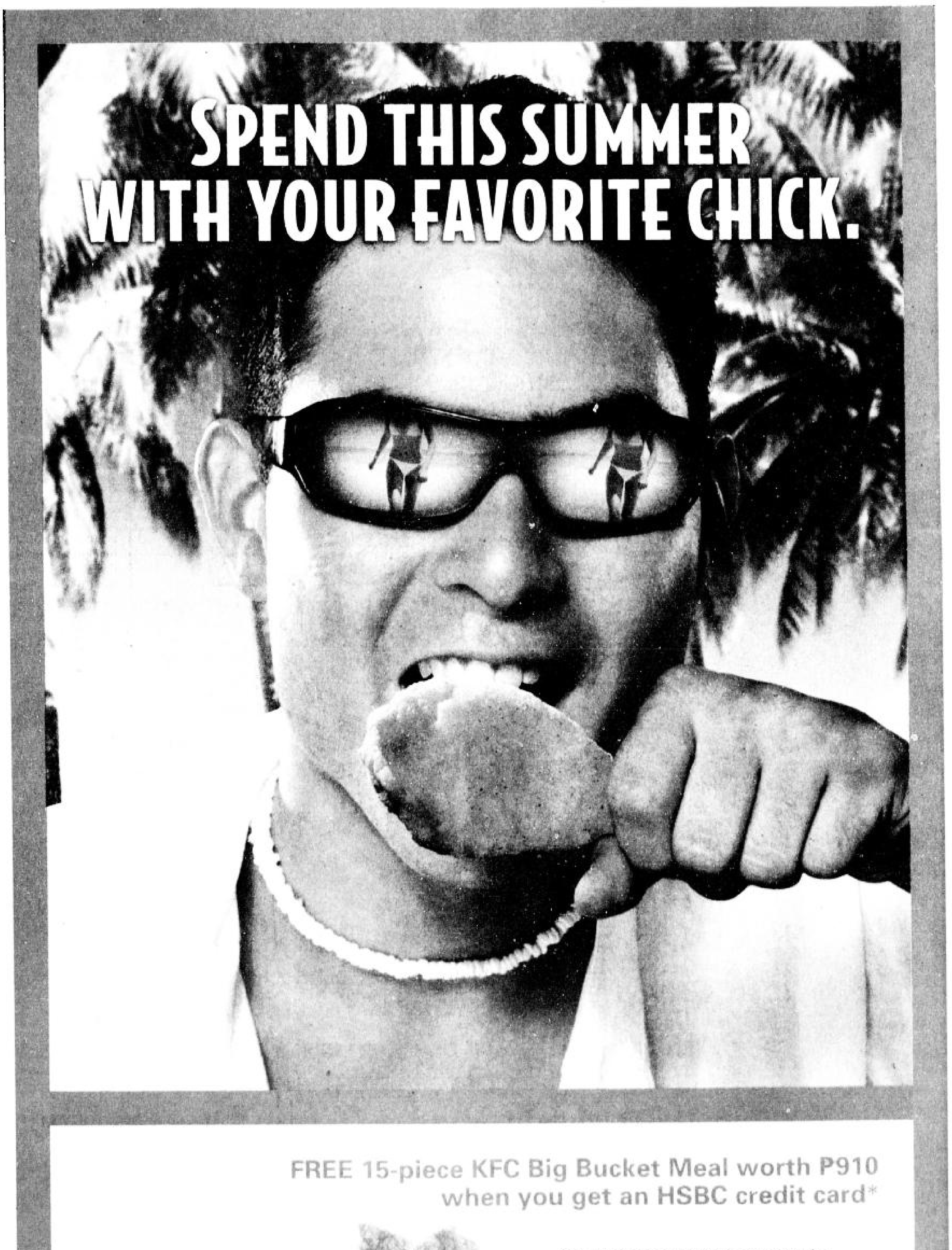
The MILF has been waging a bloody rebellion since 1978 in Mindanao, where it wants to carve out a separate Islamic state.

"Will the money be used to train MILF soldiers, buy guns and build armed camps?" he said.

Suplico said that if the money was a loan from Japan, it should have been included in the proposed 2006 national budget.

"What kind of animal is the Bangsamoro Development Agency? Was it created by law or incorporated by the Securities and Exchange Commission?" Suplico said. "Who are its officers? Where is its office? The public has a right to know," he said.

Suplico's queries came after Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz said last week that the government expected to sign a peace deal with the MILF in time for the Islamic holy month of Ramadan later this year. *Philip C. Tubeza*



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Isafp men in alleged torture of Erap backers held

By Donna Z. Pazzibugan

EIGHT MILITARY INtelligence agents tagged in the illegal arrest and alleged torture of five men associated with former President Joseph Estrada have been placed under "technical arrest" and restricted to the Isafp compound in Camp Aguinaldo while undergoing investigation, a senior military officer said yesterday.

The officer, who is familiar with the case but spoke to the INQUIRER on condition he would not be identified, said it was the chief of the Isafp (Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines), Commodore Leonardo Calderon, who ordered that the eight agents of the Military Intelligence Group-15 be placed under "technical arrest."

The military had announced earlier that the eight agents would undergo investigation prior to a possible court-martial for "inflicting injury" on Ruben Dionisio, Virgilio Eustaquio, Jim Cabauatan, Dennis Ebona and PO3 Jose Curameng while the five were under Isafp detention.

Eustaquio chairs the pro-Estrada group Union of the Masses for Democracy and Justice.

He and the four others were picked up by armed plainclothes men, who turned out to be Isafp agents, from Eustaquio's house in Kamuning, Quezon City, on May 22.

The military initially denied it had taken the men but acknowledged three days later that they were in its custody.

Dioniso, 60, apparently bore the brunt of the alleged torture, requiring hospitalization for broken ribs and a swollen liver. He said he was tortured into admitting he was a communist hitman out to assassinate four Cabinet members.

Even after a public outcry, the military has kept the case against the MIG-15 agents under wraps.

Top officials did not show up at last week's Senate inquiry supposedly because they did not get the President's permission to do so in time.

The military has also refused to identify the agents, who, sources say include two officers.

Col. Tristan Kison, the AFP's official spokesperson, said the military needed to protect the agents from "retaliation from the enemy, from the Left."

He said it was "possible" that the MIG-15 commander, Lt. Col. Henry Robinson Jr., would also be investigated in line with command responsibility.

The military has not said when the Judge Advocate General's Office would start the pre-trial investigation, which will determine whether to convene a court-martial.

Armed Forces Chief Gen. Generoso Senga had defended the Isafp operatives, saying they followed "proper procedures," as did Kison and the Isafp brass in initially denying the five men were under military custody.

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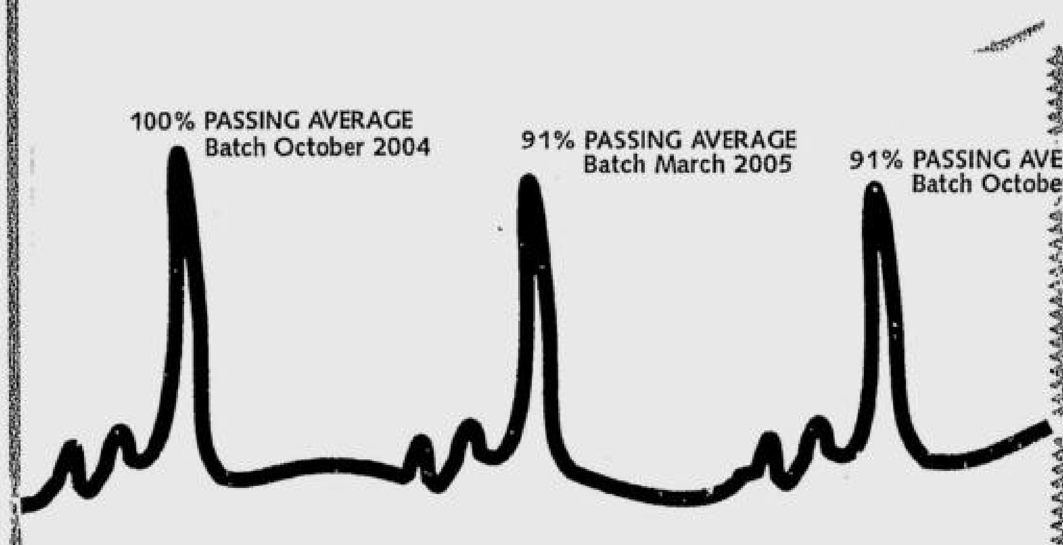

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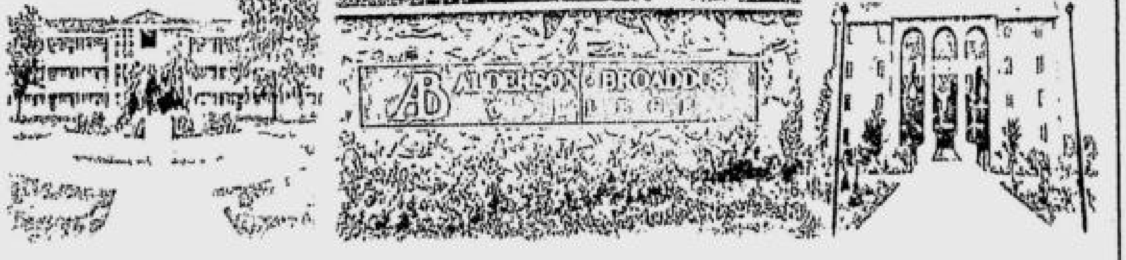

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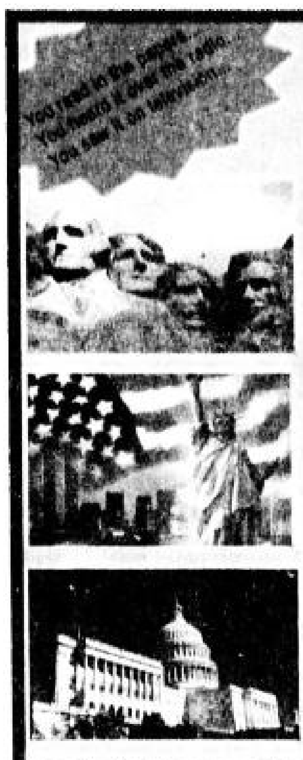
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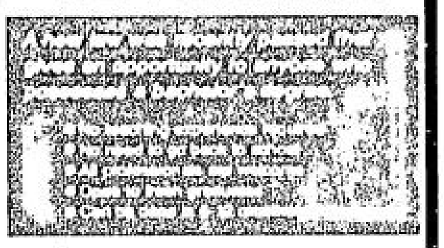

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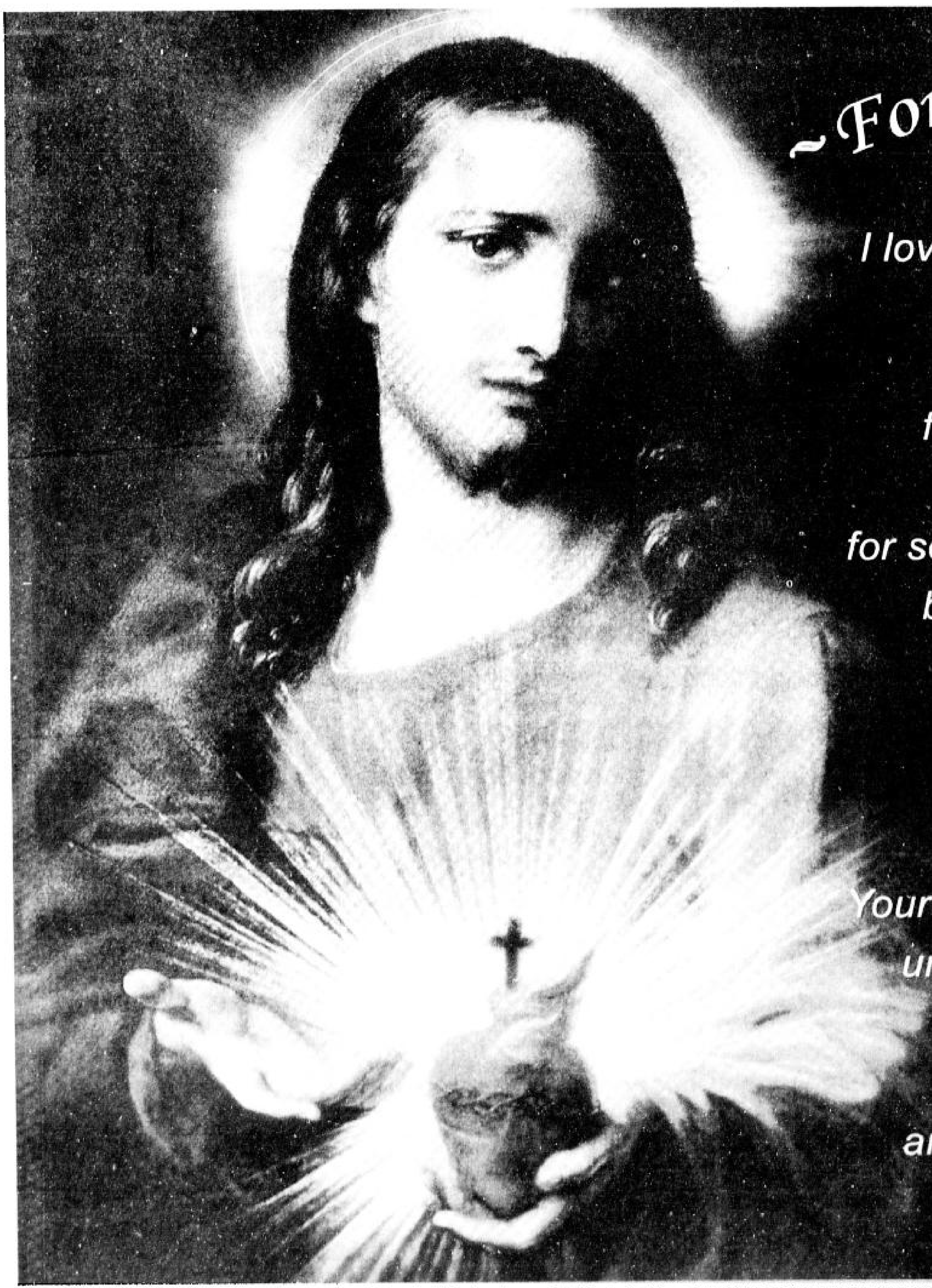

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Fishers decry wounding of dolphins off Cagayan

By Melvin Gascon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

SANTA ANA, CAGAYAN—OFFICIALS here are alarmed over the continued hunting of dolphins off the coast of this town which they blamed on foreigners intruding on the country's waters to fish.

Mayor Norberto Victor Rodriguez said the town's Bantay Dagat teams of volunteer fishermen tasked to secure its coastal waters have been placed on high alert following the wounding of several dolphins last week.

On Wednesday, about 100 dolphins arrived off the coast of Barangay Palawig here and swam in circles some 500 meters from the beach.

The sighting attracted local residents and tourists, but to the fishermen the dolphins' appearance signified the pod was in distress. The dolphins were apparently escorting a number of the group that were wounded toward shore.

"That behavior meant [the dolphins] had a problem. We saw there were a number of them that were wounded, while others looked sickly, and the group was bringing its wounded to the shore," said fisherman Edvelino Pascua, 34.

Some of the dolphins had wounds on their fins and their bodies. The fishermen said they appeared to be cuts caused by spears.

Local officials sent out five boats and, for about an hour, the fishermen worked to drive the dolphins away from the coast to the open sea.

"[Swimming toward the shore] would have been very dangerous for the dolphins as they could have run aground in the shallow portions and this could have led to their death," Rodriguez said.

Besides, no one in the town knew how to treat a wounded dolphin. Someone tried to contact the local Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources office, to no avail.

The dolphins, known locally as *lumba-lumba* ("lumba" is the Ilocano word for race) because of their habit of racing against boats, had become easy prey for Taiwanese fishermen who frequent the waters of northern Cagayan, according to the local fishermen.

Rodriguez said the town's fishermen were now supportive of efforts to protect the local dolphin population after they had stopped hunting the mammals.

They now help the Coast Guard patrol the 15-km municipal waters of Santa Ana, the mayor said.

STA. ANA FISHERMEN (in boat at back) drive back to the sea some 100 dolphins attempting to escort to shore a number of their group that were wounded off the coast of Cagayan. MELVIN GASCON, PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

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Sunday, June 4, 2006
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1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Filled with Holy Spirit

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Staying in Jerusalem were religious Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered, all excited because each heard them speaking in his own language. Full of amazement and wonder, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that we hear them in our own native language? Here are Parthians, Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and foreigners who accept Jewish beliefs, Cretians and Arabians; and all of us hear them proclaiming in our own language what God, the Savior, does."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (or Galatians 5:16-25)

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Gospel: John 20:19-23 (or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15)

Receive the Holy Spirit

On the evening of that day, the first day after the Sabbath, the doors were locked where the disciples were, because of their fear of the Jews, but Jesus came and stood in their midst. He said to them, "Peace be with you"; then he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples kept looking at the Lord and were full of joy.

Again Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." After saying this he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are

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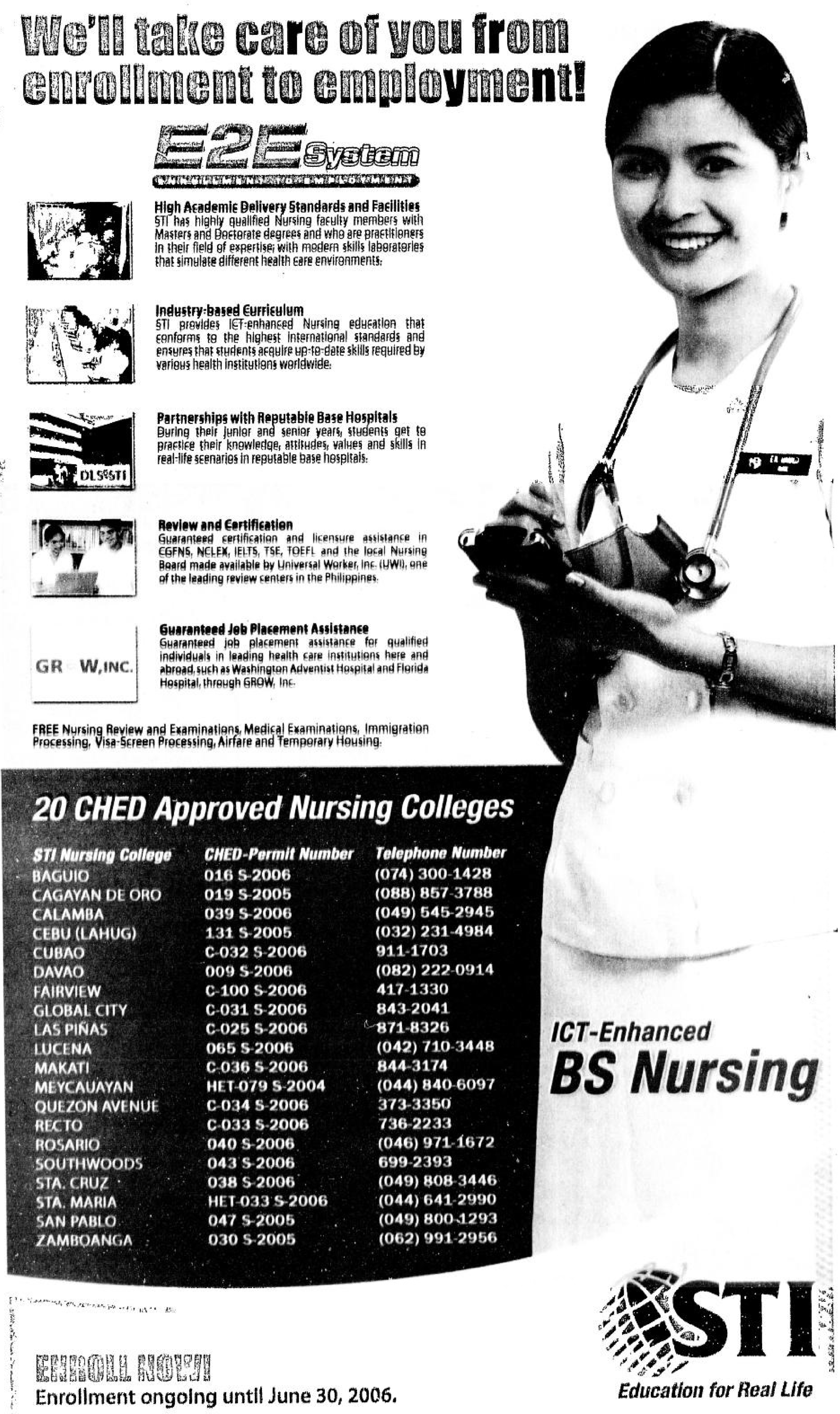

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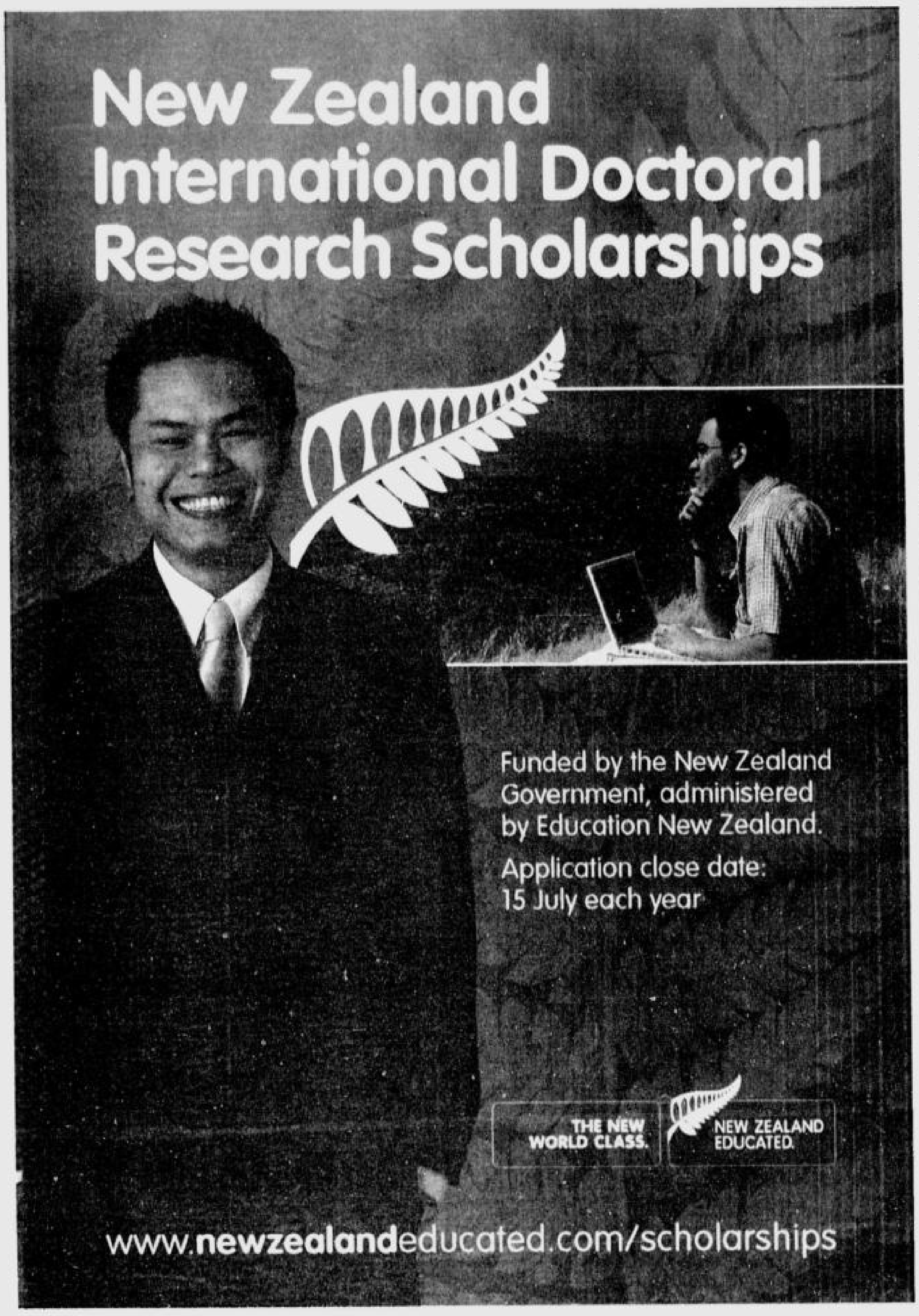
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Probers eye 'jueteng' war

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fullblown jueteng operations which are held in fixed locations.

In a news briefing soon after the bombing, Geron said Sanchez's directive to the local police to stop illegal gambling operations in the province might have angered jueteng operators.

He said Sanchez received threats to his life after he ordered the crackdown, including the arrest of anyone involved in the numbers racket.

"Yes, that's included in the investigation," Geron said.

Alleged gambling lord

Ironically, Sanchez was named in Senate hearings last year as one of the biggest jueteng operators in the country. He has denied the accusation.

Despite claims by the police that they had stopped all jueteng operations, church groups earlier this year said the illegal numbers game had made a comeback in several areas in Luzon, including Batangas.

Padilla, also the deputy regional director for operations of the Calabarzon police, said the way the bombing was carried out suggested that "it was well-planned."

Other angles

Padilla clarified that the police were not discounting other angles in the attempt on Sanchez's life.

"It is possible (that crime groups were involved). But we are not focusing only on that. We are looking at several angles. We are processing all information," Padilla told the INQUIRER.

"It's really hard just to link anyone here," he added.

Replying to an INQUIRER question, Padilla said one group the police were looking at was the so-called Black Shark Gang, a dreaded syndicate which operates in Batangas City and the nearby towns of Bauan and San Pascual.

Preying on businessmen

Aside from *paihi* (oil pilferage), hijackings of trucks and highway robberies, the group also demands "protection money" from businessmen at the Batangas International Port.

Sanchez previously helped Batangas business groups seek the intervention of then Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes to put a stop to illegal activities at the port.

Padilla said the police were also interested in finding out how the bomb, believed to be a high-impact C4 explosive, was planted in the governor's Hummer.

Sanchez had just boarded his Hummer H2 sport utility vehicle when two explosions ripped through it. He was able to jump out before the second blast.

The explosions killed his policeman bodyguard and his driver.

Political angle

"There was definitely a security lapse on the part of the governor's bodyguards," Padilla said.

Investigators who rushed to the scene admitted having a hard time in identifying the bomb used because the local police had failed to secure the blast scene.

Despite an earlier statement from the Sanchez camp that politics had nothing to do with the explosion, Padilla said the police were not dismissing the political angle.

Geron earlier dismissed insinuations that Sanchez's political nemesis, Vice Gov. Ricky Recto, might be involved.

Theory on leftists

Padilla said the police were also looking into the angle of leftist participation.

Padilla noted that Sanchez had ordered the demolition of illegal structures in a property of the provincial government after he was proclaimed governor in 2004.

The demolition affected hundreds of residents who claimed ownership of the property located in a contested 20-hectare lot of the provincial government.

Groups identified with the Left helped organize residents in denouncing the move of the governor.

The incident spurred a court case which the provincial government won.

Won't yield to Recto

Despite suffering major burns on about 20 percent of his body, Sanchez is not keen on yielding his post temporarily to Recto, Geron said.

He said the governor had told him that in spite of his injuries, he was capable of attending to his official duties.

"The governor is in full command of his faculties. He is in control of the capitol. We will take orders from him," Geron said.

"The governor told me to go on with our scheduled tasks and meetings for next week. The only activity he has missed so far was last Friday's inspection of Taal Lake," Geron said.

Doctor's advice

Dr. Isagani Bolompo, Sanchez's physician, said he had advised the governor to take at least two weeks off to rest.

The left part of Sanchez's face and head were also burned, Geron said.

Moved to Metro Manila

For security reasons and to hasten his recovery, Sanchez was transferred yesterday to an undisclosed hospital in Manila, Geron said.

Geron declined to identify the hospital. He said the governor was now able to walk across the room from his bed without being helped.

'Criminality roaming in our towns and cities'

THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF BATANGAS Gov. Armando Sanchez shows "criminality is roaming in our towns and cities" and anybody—not only journalists and activists—is fair game, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said yesterday.

Gonzalez saw in the bomb attack on Sanchez an opportunity to hit local and international human rights groups for allegedly being choosy in the killings they condemn.

"A governor was ambushed, two of his people were killed. Did these Americans make any statement, did the Commission on Human Rights take any photographs there?" Gonzalez said.

He was referring to the condemnations of the recent killings of political activists and journalists issued by the CHR, Amnesty International and some US-based human rights lawyers.

"These are things which are not under the control of anybody but what happens is the blame is always placed on the government," Gonzalez told the INQUIRER.

Gonzalez condemned last Thursday's attack on Sanchez, saying it showed "that there really is a situation today where criminality is roaming in our towns and cities."

As in the killings of leftists and journalists, he said that what was important was to find out who were the real culprits behind the attack on Sanchez and not wildly blame anybody.

"It may be a fight over jueteng turf or whatever or somebody he had not given any favor and who want to get back at him," Gonzalez said.

All angles

"The issue should be looked at from all angles. Otherwise, if you follow the usual logic, you will say the vice governor did it because he wants to sit in the (governor's) post."

He said such a speculation was "unkind."

"The cause of the crime is what should be looked into, as in all other cases."

Gonzalez said that whether the victim was a militant leader, a newspapermen or a politician, "you should first look at the motive."

Armand N. Nocum

How lowly water bottle …

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of the Rapu-Rapu Fact-Finding Commission led by Sorsogon Bishop Arturo Bastes, "an empty bottle of mineral water was found sucked by the main pump believed to be the cause of its malfunction."

With the main pump down and the second pump under repair—after malfunctioning several times prior to the incident—there was no other backup pump available. This led to the overflow of the tailings pond into Rapu-Rapu island's water system, which led to a fish kill and loss of the residents' main source of livelihood.

Rapu-Rapu commission vice chair Charlie Avila told the INQUIRER that the water bottle glaringly showed the ineptitude and laxity of Lafayette Mining Ltd.'s management team on the island.

Inexplicable, inexcusable

"It (the water bottle) should have been in a trash can but somehow, it found its way into the pumping system. That is inexplicable and inexcusable, it should have not happened had management been more responsible of its role in protecting the environment," Avila said.

In an interview, spokesperson Bayani Agabin admitted that the previous management was not that "concerned," which was why the water bottle found its way into the main pump.

But Agabin said the water bottle should not be blamed for setting off the chain reaction that led to the mine spill because it was only one of several factors that contributed to the pond overflow.

In a forum sponsored by the Philippine Mine Safety and Environment Association (PMSEA) last Tuesday, Lafayette officials conceded that management should have been more "hands-on" in running the polymetal mine. They said this was the reason the Australian firm replaced the foreigners in the team with Filipino executives to ensure that critical management would always be on-site and that they would be more dedicated in their jobs.

PMSEA treasurer Patrick Caoile said the forum was significant because it was one of the few times the Bastes commission and Lafayette attended a neutral forum to clear the issues on Rapu-Rapu that had brought the entire mining industry under harsh criticism.

The forum moderator, Ennoble Management Consulting Corp. director Blaine N. Lee, said it would be a "miracle" if the two groups reached an understanding and moved on after the incident.

During the forum, Avila clarified that the Bastes commission report should not be seen as an antimining paper as perceived in some media reports.

Moratorium

Avila said the commission recommended a moratorium and not a ban on mining on Rapu-Rapu island until all the safety precautions had been taken. He said the commission also did not call for a repeal of the Mining Act which allows foreign investors to take a controlling stake in major exploration ventures.

Tourism dev't gov't's main concern on Boracay

By Jerome Aning

THE PHILIPPINE TOURISM AUTHORITY'S exercise of administrative control over Boracay island will focus on tourism development issues and not infringe on the executive functions of the local government, according to PTA general manager Robert Dean Barbers.

President Macapagal-Arroyo last month issued Presidential Decree No. 564 placing the popular island resort under the administrative control of the PTA to maximize its potential as a "world-class" tourist destination.

Barbers said his agency would now have the freedom to implement the Department of Tourism's master plan for the development of Boracay into a prime tourist destination and enforce environmental measures for the preservation and protection of the island's ecology.

There has been much concern about Boracay's environmental health after its emergence as the country's most popular beach destination resulted in the mushrooming of unplanned and uncontrolled developments like hotels and resorts on the island.

The PTA chief said water pollution would be one of the agency's priorities. He recalled how the PTA in the mid-1990s had to construct a water and sewerage treatment plant because of the incidence of *E.coli* bacteria in the island's waters.

"Now we plan to put up a comprehensive drainage system to address the flooding in the inner part of the island that is a product of wanton walling and clogging of waterways due to uncoordinated construction of resort structures," Barbers said.

The decree empowers the PTA, the implementing arm of the Department of Tourism, to formulate and implement zoning regulations, including building codes, hotel standards and other restrictions to control development on the tourist island.

Barbers explained that the PTA's functions would not in any way overlap with the executive functions of the provincial government of Aklan and the municipality of Malay, of which Boracay is a part.

"We're coming in with the expertise to develop the island as a prime tourist zone, assist the private sector, ensure environmental and ecological preservation, and coordinate all tourist project plans and operations in Boracay," he said.

He said the PTA was still waiting for the implementing rules and regulations of the presidential order before taking administrative control of Boracay.

Barbers, who is on a visit to the island, said he would be meeting with all stakeholders to discuss their concerns about Boracay.

"The main order of the day is to coordinate with the local officials and the people of Boracay. We will have a dialogue with the resort and hotel stakeholders in the island in order to better coordinate and serve as their vital link to further develop Boracay into a world-class tourist destination," he said.

Last year, the World Bank's International Finance Corp. suggested the development of Aklan's northern mainland port town of Caticlan to ease the strain on Boracay's resources from the influx of migrants and tourists.

Caticlan, which serves as the immediate jump-off point for Boracay-bound tourists, is seen as the ideal location for Boracay's solid waste management facility, housing projects, hospital and agro-industrial center and eco-tourism education facilities.

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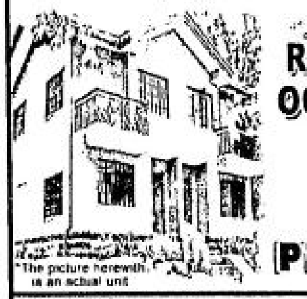

Bulacan mining ban up at meet

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes has set a hearing on Monday on the proposal to ban all mining activities at the 952-ha mineral reservation within the Biak na Bato National Park in eastern Bulacan, an environment official said.

Regidor de Leon, executive director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Central Luzon, said the hearing was agreed upon following Reyes's dialogue with Bulacan Gov. Josefina de la Cruz, environmental groups, tourism officials and church and local leaders on Friday.

On Saturday, De la Cruz expressed disappointment that Reyes failed to commit to the cancellation of the ore transport permit (OTP) of Rosemoor Mining and Development Corp. that was renewed by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau regional office.

The firm extracts marble from a 330.3-ha quarry site covered by a mineral production sharing agreement (MPSA) at Barangay Kalawakan in Doña Remedios Trinidad town.

De la Cruz said Reyes, during the dialogue, told them the DENR would be cited in contempt by the courts if it cancelled Rosemoor's permit.

This was because Malolos City Regional Trial Court Branch 20 junked in February the petition of the provincial government to stop the hauling activities of Rosemoor and the renewal or extension of at least three OTPs issued by MGB regional director Angel Bravo.

De la Cruz said she told Reyes that at the time the court issued the Feb. 28 resolution, the 30-day effectivity of the OTPs had lapsed.

The dismissed petition mentioned only OTPs dated Nov. 17 and Dec. 23, 2005, and Jan. 25, 2006, a copy of Civil Case No. 70-M-2206 showed.

Bravo issued the fourth OTP on March 14, covering 793 cubic meters of marble. He lifted the suspension order on the OTP on May 26.

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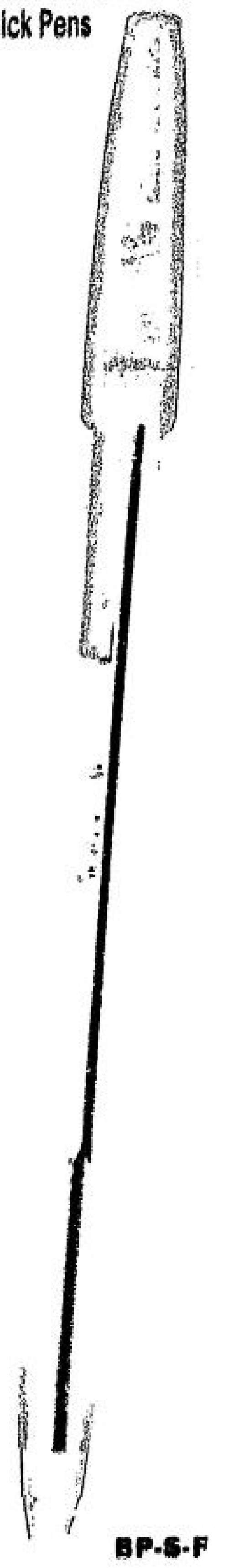

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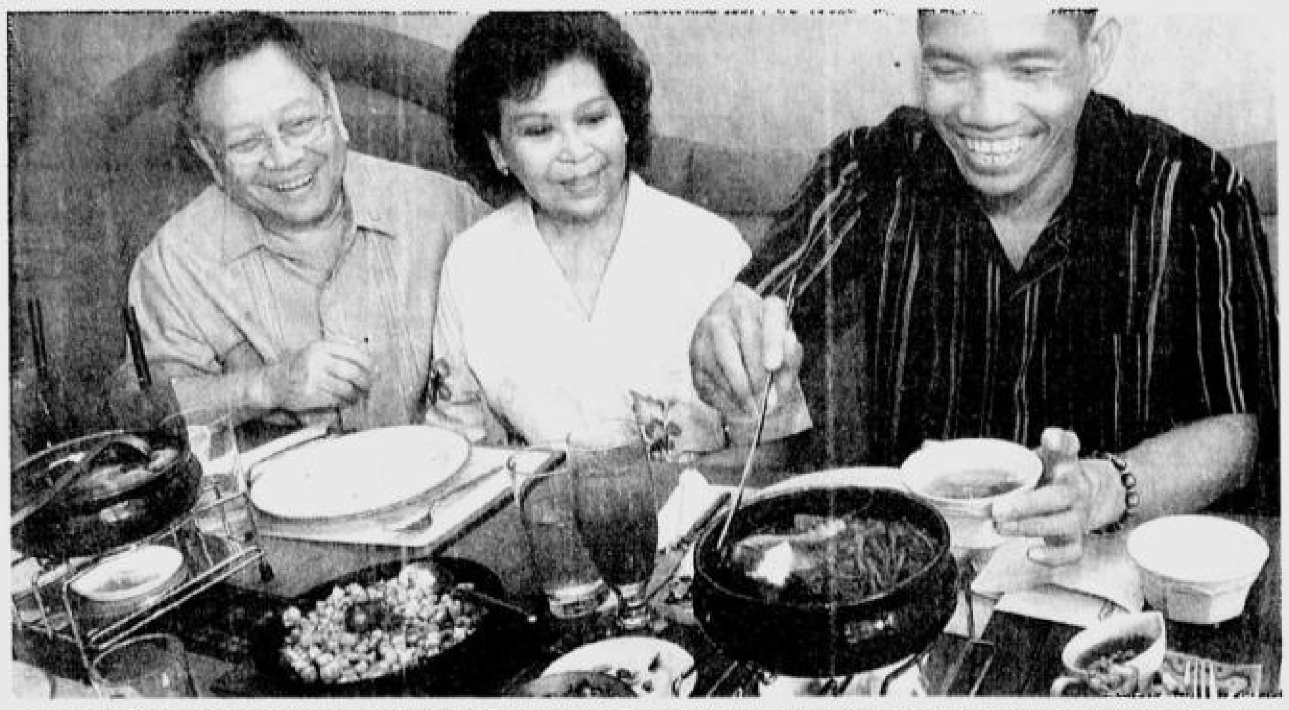

FETE FOR THE HEROIC: Mt. Everest Filipino conqueror Romi Garduce (right) is treated to his favorite "sinigang na corned beef," courtesy of the high-end Filipino resto Sentro 1771 at Greenbelt, Makati City, and Nandy Pacheco and Mila Magsaysay-Valenzuela.

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of Everest occurred to him as he stood there, Oracion said: "No, because the only thing you'll be able to think of is, 'Wow, this is beautiful!'"

Emata, a father of two young boys, made the choice simply because it would be too difficult to recover his body, or Oracion's, from the mountain known for its treacherous slopes and unpredictable weather.

"I cried a lot of times," recalled Emata, 33. "I cried when I said goodbye to my wife before leaving for Nepal. At Base Camp, I hid in the toilet when I spoke with her because I was crying. I knew there was a chance that Leo and I would not make it back alive."

The two men's loved ones never knew such an agreement was made at Base Camp.

Oracion's wife was not even aware that he had left for Nepal, and only got to know about it while watching TV.

"I didn't tell her. We would have quarreled if she knew," Oracion, 32, said sheepishly.

Grim possibilities notwithstanding, the two men ended up triumphant.

Oracion and Emata made history as the first two Filipinos to set foot on the roof of the world on May 17 and 18, respectively, and successfully completed the conquest of Everest by safely returning to Base Camp.

They achieved the feat during one of the deadliest climbing seasons on Everest since 1996.

How this tropical country embraced the Filipinos' triumph on Everest was overwhelming and completely unexpected, Oracion said.

Upon arriving home on May 30, the two men were accorded a "heroes' welcome" that included, along with Romi Garduce, the third Filipino on Everest, a courtesy call on President Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang, a ticker tape parade, and victory parties.

Before proceeding to one such party last Thursday, Oracion and Emata, accompanied by Valdez, visited the INQUIRER office in Makati City where they indulged requests for photo ops and autographs.

They were sunburned and visibly exhausted, but in an interview with the INQUIRER, they recalled with exhilaration the steps that led them to the roof of the world.

17-year dream

"I've dreamt of climbing Mt. Everest for the last 17 years," Oracion said, giving credit to Valdez for making the dream come true.

The sixth in a brood of seven, Oracion is the acknowledged adventurer and sportsman in the family.

"Everything piled up in me," he said with a smile, referring to the energy, the drive, and the little bit of craziness required in outdoor sports.

Needless to say, his parents were not sold on the idea of him pursuing a career in sports: "I used to get a lot of discouragement from them. They said I wouldn't be able to make anything of myself."

A native of Lucban, Quezon, Oracion married and settled in Cebu, where he started work as a lifeguard at the Mactan Shangri-La Hotel.

He eventually became a triathlete and one of the country's more well-known adventure racers.

Not in his sights

In contrast, Everest was never in Emata's sights as a climber.

It was a friend of his who submitted his name among the mountaineers to be considered for membership in the FPMEE in 2004.

"*Hindi ko pinangarap, eh taga*-Mt. Apo *na ako eh* (It was not a dream for me; I was already a Mt. Apo boy)" he said, laughing.

Emata was born at the foot of the majestic mountain—the country's highest peak—in Tagum, Davao.

In college, he studied tourism and specialized in outdoor sports. He worked as a guide, particularly for climbers of Apo.

He said he was lucky to have found a wife who shared his passion.

Giving up on their first attempt to reach the summit was never an option for Oracion and Emata.

They had to contend with the pressure from the FPMEE and Valdez himself, Oracion admitted, glancing at the team leader.

"Yes, there was pressure because Sir Art was expecting us to reach the summit. He was a slave driver, but it worked to our benefit," Oracion said.

There was also each man's own desire to reach the goal.

"There was no point at all in considering a turnaround," Emata said, adding that he and his colleague were confident of the "summit days" they had projected, as long as the weather cooperated.

"The weather at Everest is not stable—like a child," Oracion said. "It was snowy at the time we were there. In fact, my summit day was to have been May 16, but because of the heavy snowfall that night, we had to wait for another day."

Fixed rope

Valdez said the schedule of the Everest expeditions at that time, including that of the Philippines, was also pushed back because there was no fixed rope from Camp 4 to the Hillary Step, a 40-foot wall of rock about an hour from the summit.

The expedition leaders, including Valdez, conferred and decided to send Sherpas, the native Nepali guides, to install the 850-meter fixed rope that serves as the safety line for climbers.

Said Valdez: "We all got stuck at Base Camp because the fixed rope was not yet finished. So we met with the big expedition teams and we decided to each contribute to finish the fixed rope. We needed 7-8 Sherpas; our team contributed one Sherpa. It was only on May 14 that the Sherpas were able to leave Camp 3 to [work on] the fixed rope."

But the FPMEE men were prepared to climb "alpine style" if the fixed rope was not completed, Valdez said.

This meant that Oracion and Emata, toting their own equipment (such as an ice ax), would anchor the fixed rope themselves and climb one after the other without a guide.

"We earned the respect of the other mountaineers, the purists, when they learned that we had decided to climb alpine style—the traditional style of climbing—if the fixed rope was not finished," Valdez said.

Oracion and Emata trained in alpine climbing last year on the 24,757-foot Muz Tagh Ata in China. Their training on various climbs included how to arrest a fall.

The steep Hillary Step on Everest required much technical expertise, including skill in ice climbing, Oracion said.

Climbing without the fixed rope is doable, but it is the descent that poses a bigger challenge, Emata said

"There is the danger of encountering a whiteout, when you can hardly see anymore because of the snow," he said.

Tip-top shape

Throughout their climb, Oracion and Emata managed to keep in tip-top shape despite the freezing cold.

Oracion said he had a bout with the so-called Khumbu cough, which went away quickly.

Emata impressed his Sherpa guide when he showed a hearty appetite even at Camp 4: "I ate instant noodles, instant rice and seafood, and *tsampa*, a native dish made of ground corn."

A hearty appetite is an indication that the climber remains fit for the last leg of the climb. A poor appetite is a symptom of high altitude sickness, Oracion said.

And then there is oxygen deprivation, which can disorient even experienced climbers, leading them to hallucinate and ultimately endanger their lives on the mountain.

Much to Valdez's chagrin, the adventurer in Oracion pushed him to trek from Camp 3 to Camp 4—a climb of nearly 10 hours— without oxygen.

"*Wala lang;* I just wanted to try it," Oracion said sheepishly.

Many climbers had made it to the summit without the aid of oxygen; others died trying.

Indeed, Oracion and Emata both encountered a frozen corpse or two—covered by snow or by a blanket laid by a Sherpa—as they climbed Everest.

"We didn't let the sight bother us because it could make one lose one's focus," Emata said.

Oracion actually had to wait his turn to set foot on the summit because of the heavy traffic of climbers on the Hillary Step.

That meant hanging on to the fixed rope, with the crampons on one's booted feet firmly planted in the ice wall.

Emata was blessed with not only good weather but also a smaller number of climbers on his way up.

Each man spent 30 minutes on the summit of Everest—a 6-square-meter flat surface.

The south side (Nepal side) of the summit is sloping, Oracion said.

But the north side (Tibet side) is just like the edge of a table. "Yes, you can fall," he said, shrugging.

Why Leo and Pastour?

A COMMITTEE SELECTED THE MEMBERS of the First Philippine Mt. Everest Expedition, as well as the two strongest climbers—Leo Oracion and Erwin "Pastour" Emata—who made the reconnaissance climb that was "really scheduled in May," said team leader Art Valdez.

That there was even a reconnaissance climb surprised many because the FPMEE had announced that it would climb Everest next year.

Speculation was rife that the team's schedule was pushed ahead because Romi Garduce, the Philippines' most accomplished mountaineer, had left for Nepal in March for his own journey to Everest's peak.

The speculation was that Garduce's attempt could conceivably make him the first Filipino on Everest—a feat for which the FPMEE had been preparing the past two years.

The "network war" angle also added fuel to the fire, with GMA 7, a main sponsor of Garduce's climb, and ABS-CBN the "broadcast partner" of the FPMEE.

Thus, while the three mountaineers were fighting anxiety, exhaustion, the cold, and the pressure to accomplish their mission on Everest, the talk at home was that the climb had turned into a race among Filipinos.

Valdez, however, said there was no such thing.

He said it was a choice between "sending at least eight people without experience to Everest" and "sending the strongest climbers for the whole team to gain more confidence for the 2007 climb."

The FPMEE decided to send Oracion and Emata.

"Romi had been telegraphing his punches. I knew he was going to climb," Valdez said, adding that Oracion and Emata had been making acclimatization climbs since February.

Valdez reiterated that "the Philippine expedition to Everest would not be complete without Romi, and his coming back to Base Camp safely."

Oracion said he met Garduce on his descent.

"Romi congratulated me, and I wished him well and told him to take care of himself on his own assault," Oracion said.

Disbelief

As for Dale Abenojar, the mountaineer who continues to claim that he was actually the first Filipino on Everest, Valdez, Emata and Oracion could only shake their heads in disbelief. ***(See story on this page)***

Each man had his own story to tell about Abenojar, but they asked that it be kept off the record to allow the latter to defend his claim.

Nikko Dizon

Claim of '1st' Pinoy summiteer dubious

By Alcuin Papa

THE CLIMBING HISTORY of Dale Abenojar, who claims to have reached the summit of Mt. Everest ahead of three other Filipinos, is one mostly of fabrication, a veteran mountaineer told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Rolando "Buboy" Francisco, founding member of the University of the Philippines Mountaineers, said Abenojar's claim that he reached the summit from the north side could be one in the latter's long list of fabrications.

Abenojar is reportedly still in Katmandu, Nepal. The INQUIRER repeatedly tried to call his wife Liza on her mobile phone, but she did not respond. It was his wife who announced in a radio interview that Abenojar had summited Mt. Everest on May 15.

"I can hardly believe his claim," said Francisco, who has been climbing Philippine mountains since 1969. "I can't see how someone with no training in altitude climbing, except for climbing stairs, could claim that he reached the Everest peak from the north side. That's the harder route."

Francisco said that from his point of view, Leo Oracion, Erwin Emata and Romi Garduce had a tough enough time scaling Everest. "*Hirap na hirap sila, eh.* In [Abenojar's] condition, how could he have [reached the peak]? He must be of abnormal physique, or is simply a superman."

Expelled

Per Francisco's account, Abenojar joined the UP Mountaineers in 1991 and was expelled around 1993.

During one climb, Abenojar reportedly broke UPM rules by carrying a firearm.

In 1994, when he was trying to "drum up support" for an attempt to climb Everest, he "made all sorts of claims."

"It's not [farfetched for him to] do the same again now," Francisco said, adding:

"According to an article that came out, he claims that he got out of the UPM because his penchant for daring could no longer be fed by the organization. That's wrong because the truth is he was expelled for various offenses."

Abenojar had also claimed to be the first to traverse Palawan island solo. But Francisco said he later found out that the man had a guide.

"He also had the gall to claim that he had summited all mountains in the Philippines. Even I, who have been climbing for so long, can't claim that," Francisco said.

Francisco said he and Abenojar climbed Mt. Halcon in Mindoro in the early 1990s.

"He really had a tough time going up, and he got left behind. So when we got to Camp 1, the organizers gave him a guide to bring him down to Calapan. When his guide left, he claimed that he got to the summit in one day and made it down in another day," Francisco said.

When Abenojar was looking for support for an Everest climb in 1994, Francisco, then president of the Mountaineering Federation of the Philippines Inc., wrote to then President Fidel Ramos.

"I thought it was proper for us to make a statement and correct the misconceptions he made in the media. We submitted a letter to FVR and on that basis, the government decided not to support him. He was close to getting away with it," Francisco said.

But Francisco said he was giving Abenojar the benefit of the doubt regarding his claim of scaling Everest.

"Nowadays, outfitters will give you all the support, like oxygen, Sherpas, porters, to really give you value for their money," he said.

Abenojar, however, should show more proof of his feat when he comes home, Francisco said.

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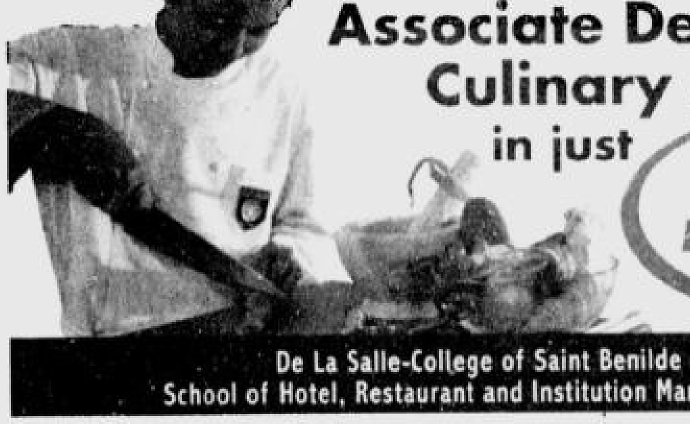

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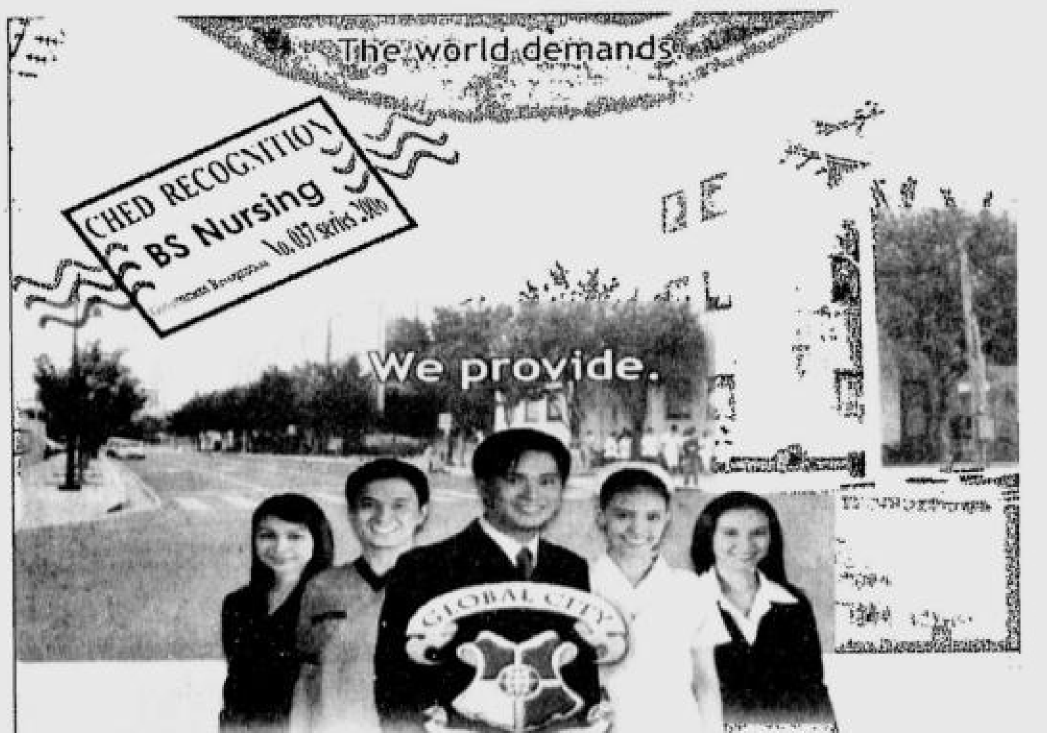

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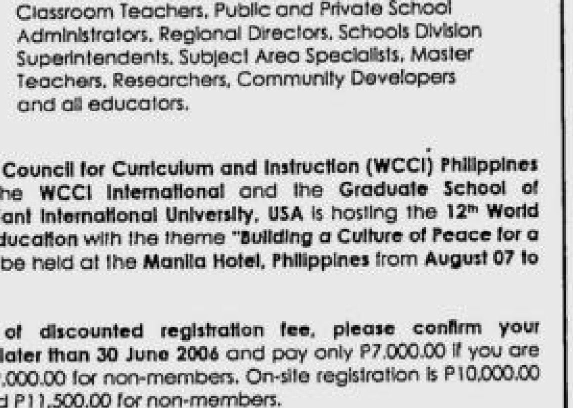

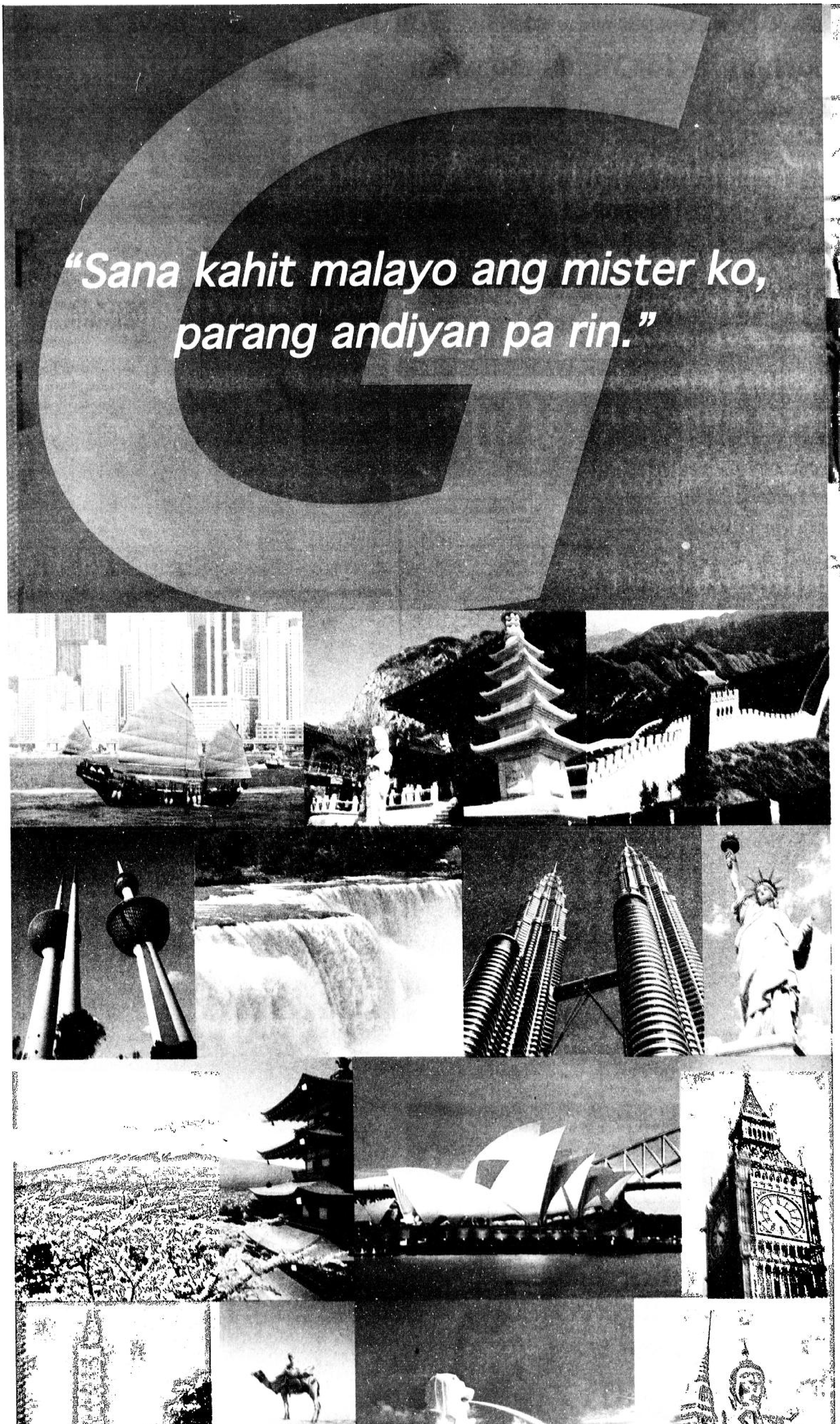
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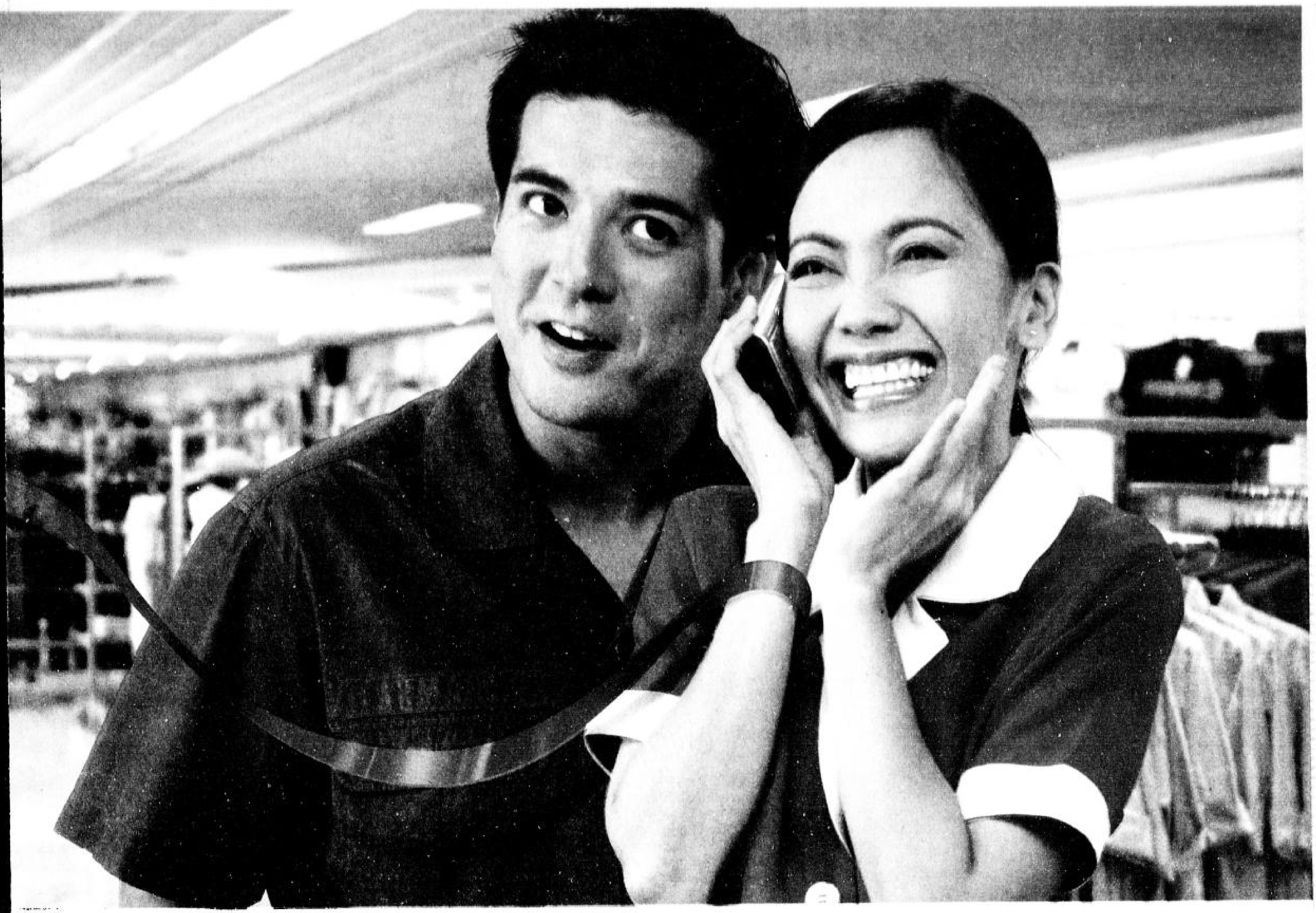

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Miriam's point

IN THE VIEW OF SEN. MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTIAgo, the new security arrangement the Philippines and the United States have entered into requires ratification by the Senate. Her reasoning is based on a fact no one disputes: The new arrangement, the highlight of which is the setting up of a joint Security Engagement Board, broadens the scope of security cooperation between the two countries.

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The new security framework speaks of "nontraditional security concerns." Almost by definition, this new emphasis means a scope wider than what was originally contemplated in the Visiting Forces Agreement, a treaty which the Senate ratified in 1999. In Santiago's view, the broader scope effectively creates a new treaty which the Senate must first ratify, as required by law.

"[It] is the contention of the senators, including myself, that the exchange of notes covers an entirely new topic," Santiago told reporters after co-chairing a meeting of the Legislative Oversight Committee on the VFA last week.

To be sure, two other senators have already clarified their position on the issue. Richard Gordon and Juan Ponce Enrile say they do not believe ratification by the Senate is necessary. The main proponents of the new security framework, Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz and Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo, also argue against ratification, essentially contending that the new arrangement follows from existing conditions and provisions.

But Santiago said she will file a resolution in the Senate this week, to force the issue. "This is too important a matter to be left to the two political branches of government without full public discussion," she said.

We welcome her move, and look forward to the public debate. In particular, we look forward to the discussion over one rather alarming concern Santiago raised. "The exchange of notes provides for the principle of enhanced cooperation, but this principle could be used by the US to participate in decision-making mechanisms of the Philippine government," she said last Thursday.

Participation in decision-making? This is quite a mouthful, and rankly unconstitutional if true. Is it? A public debate would help all of us determine whether the danger of institutionalized foreign meddling actually exists.

Of course, the Arroyo administration is wary of Senate ratification because, politically, it had all but declared war on the upper chamber. After months of spin declaring the Senate irrelevant, it will be loathe to acknowledge the upper chamber's continuing usefulness. Or to contemplate the possibility of a major diplomatic initiative held hostage by partisan politics. But there's no getting around the basic principle: Public support comes after public discussion, not in lieu of it.

Noli's idea

VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CASTRO HAS A SUGgestion. Why not encourage more overseas contract workers to send more remittances through the country's banking system (that is to say, through legal or official channels), by turning the entire remittance process into one enormous raffle?

Last week, De Castro, who is also presidential adviser on overseas workers, asked Bangko Sentral Governor Armando Tetangco Jr. to consider supporting a proposal to "award" remitters with an electronically generated raffle ticket for a given amount of remittances (De Castro's suggestion is one ticket for every $100 remitted). Ticket numbers would then be electronically raffled off periodically (De Castro's proposal calls for monthly draws, with a top prize of P100,000).

Considering that billions of dollars are coursed through the banking system every year, the modest cash prizes will easily pay for themselves. But there are bigger things at stake.

Not every overseas worker uses the official remittance system; many still use channels that are personality-based (a fellow worker is returning home) or opportunity-driven (someone knows someone else who is leaving tomorrow). Unfortunately, and precisely for these reasons, these unofficial channels can be quite risky.

De Castro's idea, if implemented with the proper safeguards and with the appropriate conditions, may encourage more workers to use the official channels more often. That sounds like a good bet to us.

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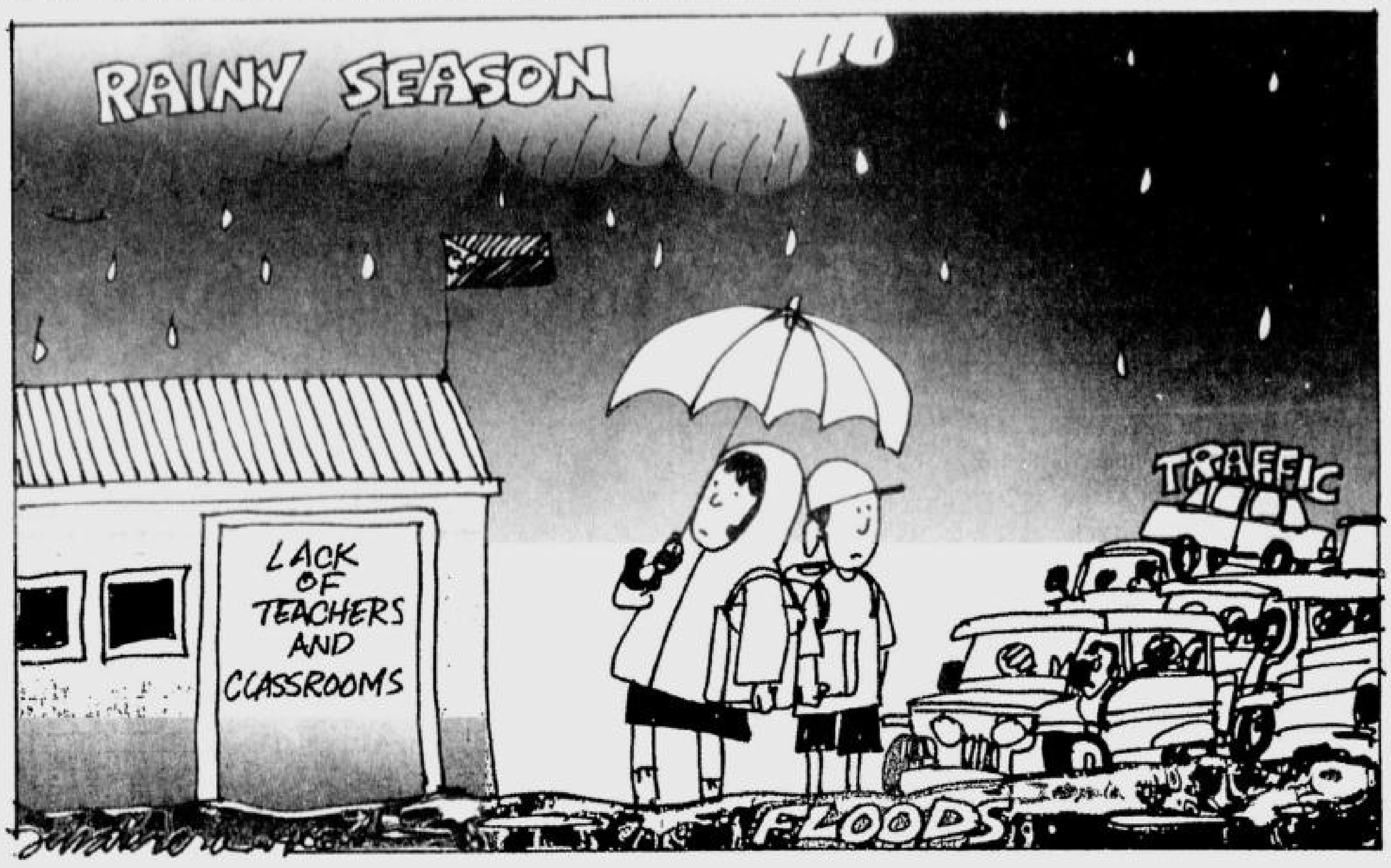
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SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE MONTH OF JUNE BRINGS BACK WISTFUL memories of school days, cherished remembrances of youthful fun and fears, lessons learned and soon forgotten, lost loves and lasting friendships, the thrill of discovery and new sensations, ambitions failed or triumphs won, and especially to parents like most of us—expenses.

During my time in the early '30s, formal schooling began for most of us at age 7 in Grade I of the public elementary schools. The prospective pupil did not have to bring a birth certificate to prove he was old enough to study as long as he could reach his left ear with his right hand over his head. That was better evidence than official documents.

In my particular case, I started when I was only 6 because my mother was a former schoolteacher and had enough influence to have me admitted as a *"saling pusa"* with the first graders. But it was only one year later that I *bona fide* entered the world of letters and numbers and songs that would eventually make me "educated."

As far as I know, my mother did not have to pay anything to "matriculate" me during my stay at the Legarda Elementary School in Sampaloc, Manila. The only annual payment the students made was 30 centavos for the Red Cross. We didn't have to wear a prescribed uniform, and most of us boys came to our classes barefoot. A *pan de sal* sandwich during recess cost only one centavo and soft drinks were practically unknown.

Mapa High School was most memorable for me because it was there that we became teenagers and developed romantic infatuations. Happily, they ended in marriage to Filemon and Pacita and Horacio and Rita. Many of my former classmates are now either dead or bald and the once-lissome girls are wrinkled and fat. Olivia de Havilland, my adolescent crush, is now 90. Incidentally, we also learned a little Physics and some Shakespeare.

College life was less friendly because relationships were mostly transient and classmates were more serious in their studies. Most of us were working students, and some of the older ones were already married. But we still did have fun although in a more mature manner, as in the monthly socials at the UP on Padre Faura and the Senior Prom at MLQ. We were growing old.

When I finally graduated in 1951, I thought my student days were over at last. But I was wrong for I soon became a family man providing for the studies of my own children. There were six of them in quick succession and Sally and I had to resume our usual student chores but only indirectly. And also more expensively

Sally was working in the US Veterans Administration at the old Heacock's Building on the Escolta when she became pregnant with our first child, Cesar. I asked her to resign and she thereafter devoted her full time to her wifely and motherly duties. These increased with the birth of Claro, Celso, Carlo, Isagani Jr., at almost annual intervals, and finally Cynthia, our only daughter, after seven years.

With most women now pursuing separate careers from their husbands and making substantial earnings from their own efforts, the unfair view has grown that the "housewife" who does not earn her own salary to add to the family income is an inferior partner who does not qualify as a substantial breadwinner.

That is an unkind canard. The ordinary housewife does not stay at home only to play mahjongg or have a pedicure. She works, not in an air-conditioned office, but as a determined achiever who keeps the house neat and pleasant, cooks for the family, is an unlicensed doctor with her cure-alls and Band-Aid, fixes the leaky faucets, pays the monthly bills, and does all of those other little things that make her home the center of her life and of her universe.

I hope my children remember and appreciate the things their mother did for them when they were young, and especially when they were still studying. Sally did not have a *yaya* to take care of them, preferring to personally do all the work herself. She fed them, bathed them, clothed them, and made them pray. She brought them hot lunches every day from our house in Parañaque to Lourdes School in Mandaluyong. At home, she supervised their studies, using arithmetic flash cards (with the answers behind that made them admire her expertise) and punitive (but soft) slippers for wrong answers. She also helped me by searching for second-hand textbooks at Recto that cost much less than the new ones.

The expenses were also a sharp contrast from the dues our parents paid for our education many decades ago. While I do not belittle their sacrifices for us, what I do remember is that as our children's chronically straitened parents, we got an educational loan from the SSS every year for their tuition fees. That's why they can still declaim "Invictus" from memory.

Those years are all gone except in happy recollection and last week we celebrated our usual Farewell to Summer to welcome another school year. With the graduation of our children, we have also "graduated" at last, and now they will attend to their own children's studies, as we did for theirs. If we are still around when our grandchildren graduate, they will receive our doting congratulations and, of course, as they expect, a little cash.

Peace!

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY IS TOLD ABOUT A BOY STUDYing the English language.

"I am so confused," he exclaimed. "In English, a creature swimming in the water is called 'piz.' I look in the mirror, and I see my 'piz.' I brush my teeth and I use tooth 'piz.' Our priest said at Mass that today is Pentecost, a big 'piz.' He greeted us 'piz' be with you. Then he excused himself because he said he had to 'piz'! *Ano ba talaga ang* 'piz'?"

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In today's Gospel (Jn. 20, 19-23) Jesus greets His confused disciples with "Peace be with you!" They had locked their doors for fear of the Jews. Not only their doors, but also their hearts were locked until He breathed on them the Holy Spirit, and empowered them. This band of fearful, confused and timid disciples soon came out of their shells and spread the good news far and wide with signs and wonders, unafraid and so filled with peace and love.

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What is peace? True peace is that which comes from the Lord, a peace which the world can neither give nor take away. The peace that comes from the Lord is not determined or disturbed by persons, events, or circumstances. It is a deeply rooted peace that is nourished by prayer, and bears fruit in works love.

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Whence comes true peace? The Lord said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." In other words, forgiveness is the immediate root and fruit of peace. Forgiveness in turn is preceded by honesty and humility. An honest, humble and contrite heart is a peaceful heart. Still wondering why there is no peace in your heart? In our families? In our relationships? In our country and in the world? We all must go back to our hearts—be humble, be honest and be contrite, then peace is ours!

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"Peace be with you!" More than ever, we need to listen to these words of the Lord as we go about our busy daily lives. We must allow Pentecost to happen in our daily lives by taking time to invoke the Holy Spirit to come and be present in whatever situation we are in. When the going gets rough, and stress sets in, and tempers run high, take that much needed pause and pray, "Come Holy Spirit! Come Holy spirit!" You'll be amazed at how things just fall into place when we step aside and allow a bigger power to take over—and a bigger picture to set in. The secret of peace is simply letting go, and letting God. Rest in the Divine will, and you will have peace.

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There is something in Medjugorje that touches the heart. The message of Medjugorje is that of a mother embracing her children with so much love. "If you know how much I love you, you'd cry for joy!" Embraced by love, pilgrims all over the world experience forgiveness and conversion. In almost every corner, there is an ongoing confession, recitation of the rosary, etc. Peace is the pervading spirit of Medjugorje. Peace is the take-home message and mandate of Medjugorje.

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While in Medjugorje, I received a text message telling me that Sonny de los Reyes had passed away. Immediately I prayed for Sonny, an XVD, that is, an ex-SVD seminarian. In prayer, I remembered him as a good and sincere person. He was a bit on the heavy side and he should have exercised more, so I thought. These were my thoughts when a fellow pilgrim approached me and informed me that Sonny "Bayan" de los Reyes of the Serviam Community had passed away. Imagine my shock, relief and disbelief when I realized that he whom I had taken as dead, was alive.

As soon as I got back, I sought out Sonny and told him with all of my heart about my post-mortem thoughts on him: That he was a good man, and that he should exercise. Yes, how important it is for us to tell people now what is in our hearts, and not when they are gone and could no longer hear us. Let us give them our peace now that they're still alive, and not when they are already resting in peace.

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There is an old woman whose visits to me I liken to a "mini-Pentecost." For the past 10 years or so, a frail woman who can hardly walk would take a taxi from her home and come to my office to be prayed over. Accompanied by her faithful nephew Sonny Tanjuakio, Lola Adelina Tanjuakio, now 94 years old, visited me again yesterday, clad in her usual house dress and sweater and "wintergreen" cologne. What simple faith she has! What humility! She even whispered to me that she is asking the Lord to take her already and "just pass on to Father Jerry my remaining years so he can live longer and serve more people." Wow!

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In preparation for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, there will be Novena Masses every 5:30 p.m. from June 9-17 at the St. Joseph's Convent of Perpetual Adoration (Pink Sisters) at Hemady Avenue, Quezon City. On June 18, there will be a 5 p.m. Mass and solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, give us your peace and make us instruments of your peace. Amen.

FVR throws in the towel

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

IN THE OLDEN DAYS, SPONGES WERE USED TO clear up the faces of boxers engaged in "the manly art of self-defense." When the manager of one of the contestants threw in the sponge, this signaled that his man had had enough and the sponge was no longer needed.

In recent years, towels replaced the sponges at boxing matches, and throwing in the towel meant that a fighter had given up the bout and was no longer interested to continue with the match.

Somehow, I am reminded of an incident in my younger days, when I was the military attaché in our Bangkok embassy in Thailand. Early one morning, I got a call from the Don Muang Airport. It was my UP High classmate, Raul Daza. At that time, he was not yet into politics; he was managing a stable of boxers. One of his boys was fighting at the Lumpini Boxing Stadium the following day, and he asked me to help him out since he didn't know anyone in town. I met him at his hotel, which was located near the Philippine embassy, and we prepared as best as we could for the fight the next evening.

At fight night, three of us walked into the stadium with myself draping a towel around my neck to indicate that I was one of the boxer's entourage. As our boy was introduced to the crowd, the Filipinos in the audience gave him a boisterous round of applause which made me feel good. Unfortunately, a few minutes after the bell sounded the start of the fight, our boy got knocked out and the crowd, sensing a setup, began to roar angrily at our corner. I quickly threw in the towel and led Daza and his boxer out of the stadium to avoid any untoward incident from a menacing crowd. Since those days, Raul has moved on to politics, becoming deputy House speaker at one time. He is currently the governor of one of the Samar provinces.

Last week, President Fidel V. Ramos was quoted as saying that his call for GMA to cut short her term of office "was no longer realistic because the deadline for her to make such a decision has lapsed."

Our readers will recall that last year, GMA was on the ropes, fighting for survival following the disclosure of the "Hello Garci" tapes and her admission of improprieties with certain Comelec officials. It was President Ramos who practically pulled her back from the brink of disaster by throwing his support behind her administration. However, the support he gave was in a way qualified. Instead of allowing her to be hounded out of office like her predecessor, he called on GMA to prepare for a graceful exit from a credibility crisis bedeviling her stay in office. He would reiterate this position a number of times, even emphasizing—at some points, when developments were not to his liking—that his support was "waning."

When an individual sets certain conditions and deadlines for his support and those are not met, he may either withdraw that support or allow things to just "lapse," or as one would say in the vernacular, "*Sigue na lang!*" This, in effect, means throwing in the towel. In boxing, it would be scored as a TKO.

Now FVR rides into the sunset to fight for another cause—changing our country's form of government from presidential to parliamentary. In his twilight years, it appears he is headed for another disappointment.

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Last week, Gen. Jose C. Bello Jr., president of the Association of Generals and Flag Officers (Agfo), wrote to say that the Agfo is a non-partisan, fraternal organization, and not a forum for government propaganda. In fact, next week the association is scheduling a special meeting with Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, chair of the Senate defense committee, a former AFP chief of staff and member of PMA class 1961, as guest speaker. Biazon is expected to talk on Charter change as well as on other issues affecting military officers.

Two weeks ago, Cha-cha commissioner Raul Lambino gave a talk to Agfo participants, urging them to vote for Cha-cha because "it would solve the perennial complaint of soldiers regarding low pay." One retired officer called in to say that Lambino probably thinks that our men in uniform are such gullible idiots that they would swallow hook, line and sinker whatever he says about Cha-cha.

At any rate I am happy to note that both sides of Cha-cha's critical issues are to be presented to our retirees so as to provide them with more accurate and unbiased information regarding matters of national concern.

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Another Cavalier has written, asking Gen. Roland I. Pattugalan, the new chair of the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Inc. (PMAAAI), to take a stand and "support the leadership of the AFP to recover government quarters not only in the Navy housing area but also in the Jusmag area, the continued occupation of which by top-ranked retired officers (has) demoralized the young officers in the active service."

The housing controversy in the armed forces, particularly the Fort Bonifacio area, is an issue that will continue to hound the organization for many years to come unless it is properly and forcefully addressed with a fair and consistent policy laid down by the institution, not by individuals. This is a bread and butter issue that goes to the heart of the military establishment. For too long, this situation has been allowed to exist and this is bound to cause irreparable divisions and conflicts among the officers.

A promise fulfilled

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

IN 2004, BERNA ROMULO-PUYAT, DAUGHTER of Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo, wife of lawyer Dave Puyat and herself a professor of economics at UP Diliman, ran for representative of the first district of Quezon City. Her opponent was political scion, former convict and "born-again" preacher Bingbong Crisologo, to whom Berna lost by the slimmest of margins—some 2,000 votes.

When asked why she didn't file a protest, as many other losing candidates who trailed behind their opponents by much larger margins have done, Berna says she "didn't want to be like other politicians who either won or were cheated" in their bids for public office. Instead, Berna decided to go on with her life—and to fulfill the campaign promises she made to her would-be constituents.

"My husband teases me that martyrs like me are shot in Luneta," remarks Berna, whose interest in politics was piqued when she campaigned for her former teacher and fellow UP School of Economics faculty member Winnie Monsod during "Mareng" Winnie's frustrated run for the Senate in 2001. But the 2004 campaign, says Berna, which brought her to the inner recesses of urban poor communities "opened my eyes to the true state of poverty in our country." So even though she lost in her home district, Berna says she couldn't in conscience renege on the promises she had made.

Most prominent of these promises was to set up a *botika* or small drugstore in every barangay because, Berna says, "every time I spoke about the price of medicine and the need to lower drug prices, I noticed that the eyes of the people, especially the senior citizens, would light up."

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TODAY, Berna fulfills that promise by setting up the "Botika ng Barangay," an idea originated by former Health Secretary (and now Senator) Juan Flavier, but fully operationalized (mainly by offering a start-up of P25,000 worth of medicines) by former Health Secretary Dayrit.

What Berna offers is a tried-and-tested procedure of screening applicants, applying for licenses, providing training seminars for the would-be operators, and gaining accreditation with the Department of Health. She also has a system in place to monitor and audit the various *botikas* and measuring their success and viability. A pharmacist in her employ also does the rounds of the *botikas*. "When a particular *botika* is not doing too well, we will pay it more personal visits with intensive counseling," she says.

"All you need is a tiny space and a table and chair," Berna says. Each *botika* sells generic drugs at prices well below commercial market rates. For instance, branded paracetamol, which costs P3 in drugstores, is available for just 50 centavos in the Botika ng Barangay. Loperamide, a common medication for diarrhea, costs P6.25 in drugstores and just P1.12 in the Botika.

To date, Berna has helped set up some 150 *botikas*, 45 of them in Quezon City, "not all of which is in District 1," she points out. Among the local governments which have sought Berna's assistance are Pasig, Muntinlupa, Caloocan, Taguig and Makati, with 16 more *botikas* set to open in Manila.

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WHAT gives Berna even more pleasure is that the Botika ng Barangay not only offers a public service by selling cheaper medicines at more accessible locations; it also provides a means of livelihood to barangay families. With Botika proprietors allowed to impose a 30-percent mark-up on their medicines (already factored-in in their prices), "some can earn as much as P15,000 a month," Berna confides.

Operators are also allowed to sell other items, like cotton buds, alcohol and other such commodities in their *botikas*. When I ask about the possibility of the *botika* selling contraceptives, Berna says family planning is now a responsibility of local governments, and they could very well tap the Botika ng Barangay network to market family planning supplies.

"Senior citizens are the most hardworking operators," Berna says with a smile. Some concoct their own marketing "gimmicks," such as printing and distributing their own leaflets. She has also approached parishes and church groups "who can set up their displays outside the church on Sundays and have their customers come to them."

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AS if setting up the Botika ng Barangay was not enough, Berna is also involved in an adult literacy program, called "Pag-Asa," with the help of actor Aga Muhlach and Fr. Tito Caluag. Each "class" lasts for three hours and are held over five Saturdays, tapping teachers from the Ateneo. The group has already graduated two batches, the first composed mostly of parents who wanted to learn how to read and write "so they could teach their own children," and the second, of high school graduates recommended by their own principals.

Berna has also worked with AMA to set up computer classes for underprivileged youth, and she proudly announces that 80 percent of the first batch of graduates "has already found jobs."

As if her plate wasn't already full, Berna has also set up a "Barangay Food Terminal" in Batasan Hills, eliminating the need to deal with middlemen traders by approaching suppliers directly and thus being able to sell basic foodstuff at lower prices.

One would think all of the above were in preparation for another run for Congress, but the only reason Berna met with me is that a mutual friend, publicist Joan Orendain, thought her story needed telling to a wider public. "Not enough time has passed since my last campaign," confesses Berna. "I don't think I'm ready yet for the rough-and-tumble of politics."

I could have told her, though, that "politics" is not just a matter of running for and holding office. At its purest form, politics is public service, and not everyone has to have a title or a seat before choosing to serve the community and society.

Coping

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

TO COPE—TO MAKE DO WITH WHAT ONE has—has always been regarded by Filipinos as a virtue. Coping belongs to the heroic culture of sharing, sacrifice and resiliency that one finds in societies besieged by scarcity. It is a tool of survival, a trait perfected in times of war, famine and calamity. But, institutionalized as national policy, coping becomes an obstacle to planning, and a drag on the nation's growth.

The classroom shortage issue that came to light at a recent Cabinet meeting is a sharp reminder of the perils of coping. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo had summoned the media to Malacañang to witness how the government has prepared for the opening of the new school year. Like a general in full control of the situation, she called on Dr. Fe Hidalgo, the acting secretary of education, to report on her department's readiness.

It was Secretary Hidalgo's misfortune that she could not adjust to the performative requirements of a media event. She began by noting the persistent shortage of classrooms. She was about to report on what her department planned to do to cope with the situation when Ms Arroyo interrupted her. Raising her voice—as if to drown the clarification that her visibly stunned Cabinet member was about to make—she reminded her (and the media) that the shortage was already being addressed. How? By double-shifting, and by re-computing classroom need in terms of a pupil-classroom ratio of 100 to 1.

"So what is the shortage now if we use what was agreed on last year?" Ms Arroyo asked Dr. Hidalgo after giving her a quick lecture on the new Math. And she replied: "We only have a few shortages right now." Satisfied, Ms Arroyo proceeded, partly addressing the media: "Exactly, exactly. I mean we have to present our accomplishments on that .... We've always been attacked every year for the shortages ... (but) we have been meeting the shortage."

The truth of the matter is that the government has not been meeting the shortage by building enough classrooms. It has been coping with the shortage by limiting class sessions to four hours, and using the available classrooms for a second and sometimes a third shift. In a 3-shift arrangement, single-session classes are held from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sometimes standard classrooms are partitioned into two, and each room is then made to accommodate anywhere from 45 to a hundred students. Where this happens, even the teacher can hardly move.

Ironically, perhaps, the worst place to be in as a public school pupil is Metro Manila itself. At the Commonwealth Elementary School, the world's largest grade school (according to the Guinness Book of World Records), 12,755 students undertake the business of learning in 85 classrooms. To alleviate the congestion, the school's ingenious teachers have turned every space in their building, including the toilets, into classrooms. This is not unusual. In San Diego Elementary School, also in Quezon City, where 5,400 pupils must make do with 18 classrooms, teachers have been holding classes on the stairs and along fire exits.

It is an old problem that is not entirely ascribable to lack of public funds. The problem is serious, but there is no sustained monitoring and evaluation of the measures that are taken from year to year.

Last year, a television report showed a Metro Manila pupil on the first day of school. She was lugging a monobloc plastic chair and an umbrella on top of her school bag. They did not have enough chairs at their school, and when it rained the roof leaked so badly they had to wear raincoats or open their umbrellas inside the classroom to avoid getting soaked.

Every year, like a ritual of collective expiation, the media dutifully report the urgency of the situation. Nothing more is heard after the first day of school; every child gets enrolled and every school appears to cope. But things actually get worse, because while the city population continues to grow, partly because of unchecked fertility and partly because of migration, the facilities remain the same. Building maintenance is unheard of in many of these public schools. Some of them have been declared unsafe.

And yet, the building of classrooms for the nation's children has been a favored project of many private donors. If private donations were just augmenting the sustained efforts of government, the shortage should not exist. Unfortunately, in many instances, private initiative takes the place of government programs. Public funds earmarked for school buildings are diverted to other uses, even as schools built by private donors are shamelessly claimed by and painted with the names of public officials.

The dressing-down that Secretary Hidalgo got from Ms Arroyo at the last Cabinet meeting may have caused her personal pain. But it has yielded a desirable outcome—the restoration by the Senate of the P1-billion cut from the school-building program of the Department of Education. The senators assumed that, like many other items in the 2006 proposed budget, the one for classrooms was overstated. In fact, it had been understated.

It is the same with everything else our people have accepted as a way of life in this nation of failed leaders. Unable to make both ends meet, they leave their families to earn a living abroad. Unable to earn enough to build a decent home, they are forced to live as squatters. Unable to afford health care, they turn to faith healers. Unable to buy rice, they eat instant noodles. Coping reflects the patience and ingenuity of victims. It is not for government to claim it as an accomplishment.

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Wanderlust

IT'S BEEN A FULL MONTH THAT I'VE BEEN AWAY FROM home, bouncing from Dumaguete to Bacolod to Iloilo. Now I'm back in Manila, sitting in my living room, feet up on the table, the cat napping beside me in our momentary truce. I type surrounded by cheeseburger wrappers and romance novels, while dressed in ratty old shorts and a T-shirt.

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista

"We're the irony generation," said Carl Foutley. "Nothing impresses us anymore." And maybe it's true—the blush is gone from the rose. We're the generation that can type with one hand, text with the other, surf the Internet, watch TV and still manage to flirt with the next guy on the phone all at the same time. I'm not astonished by the possibilities of an advanced cell phone, because I know someone's bound to come out with something better eventually. I look at a perfect face on a magazine cover and gleefully point out the brilliant work of Photoshop.

But there's something about traveling—being away, outside of comfort zones and reliable habits—that makes it easier for a person to be excited, to look around with wonder, to believe.

In Cagayan, I stood in the middle of a monstrous cavern and shuddered at the sight of stalactites that looked like sleeping dragons. In Abra, I chased the sunset while bouncing on the back of a truck along a dirt road. In Iloilo, I crept close to a *balete* tree to find out the secrets of the fairies, then ran shrieking away because I thought I saw a goblin clinging to the branches. I saw a shooting star, watched lightning crack through the sky, and flew through the streets hollering on the back of a motorcycle.

The beauty of traveling is—as Pico Iyer said—that a person can live without a past or a future. For that space of time, you can be anyone you want, not limited by resumé, habit, or expectations. I've played bartender and skipper, served sizzling *bulalo* and *weng-wengs* at The Mango Tree, and banged on a drum in Baguio.

Iyer also said that we often forget what little difference there is in "travel" and "travail." I have discovered that I have four bruises on my left leg, five on my right, one on my elbow, one on my shoulder, all in beautifully rich shades of purple, green and blue. There's a burn on my calf from motorcycle exhaust and a scratch on my nose that I suspect came from sleeping with my glasses wedged to my face.

I went sailing with friends last week, my first time in one of those two-man sailboats that cut across the water. The wind was rushing against my face, ripping through my hair, shrieking in my ears—and then everything slowed to a lull. I offered to play skipper—after all, what kind of self-respecting girl will let a guy hold the reins for the entire ride? The moment the ropes were in my hand, the sailboat capsized.

There were two things that went through my head in the split second that I was flying through the air. The first was, hey—this is so cool. The second thought came a full second later, and completely obliterated the first. "I'm going to drown."

Camus once said that what gives value to traveling is fear. Did I mention I didn't know how to swim?

My life jacket was floating over my head, the water kept pushing my butt up in the air and shoving me face first into the water. When people say your life flashes before your eyes when you think you're in danger of dying, they're lying. All that flashed before my eyes were headlines about that idiot girl who drowned while wearing a life jacket.

My friend Jon swam over to me, and I grabbed on to his shoulders, clinging for dear life. My brain took a while to register the fact that I was pushing him underwater. Keep pulling the jacket down, he said. You'll float.

It was a revelation. Life jacket. Float. Life jacket will let you float. Brilliant.

Jon swam away to right the boat. So there I was, floating in the middle of the sea, holding on to a life jacket, smiling at the blue, blue sky and idly wondering whether there were higher life forms in other planets.

I saw a boat heading toward me. Paul, half-British, president of the sailing club, out to check on the kids.

"You need help?" he called out.

"Yes sir," I said, half relieved, half annoyed by the interruption. "That would be nice."

"All right, swim over here."

"I can't sir."

"You can't what?"

"I can't swim." If it is possible for a British chap to look scandalized, he did. At that moment, I thought it was the funniest thing in the world. He decided to take it philosophically.

"Kick toward the boat," he said.

"I'm already kicking."

His eyebrows met. "Kick harder."

When we hit shore, Tito Peter, one of the sailing veterans, shook his head at me. "Little girl," he said, "my father took me aside one day and told me there are three things I needed to learn in this life. To type, to swim and to ride a bicycle."

At least I can type.

Harvard philosopher George Santayana, in his "The Philosophy of Travel," says that there is a need "to escape into open solitudes, into aimlessness, into the moral holiday of running some pure hazard, in order to sharpen the edge of life, to taste hardship, and to be compelled to work desperately for a moment no matter what."

I only stumbled on the word "wanderlust" by accident the other day. There's something about the word that gets to me—the lust for wandering, itchy feet, that incredible high that comes with diving into darkness, living an eternity in a moment and having no idea where you'll be tomorrow.

It is when we travel, I think, that we can find reasons to defy reason and say yes—to risks, to love and everything mother said you shouldn't do.

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THEY SAID

Discrimination

"We can handle the physical pain. It's the discrimination owing to the lack of understanding about the nature of the disease that hurts us more deeply."

—Chris Fernandes, a former leprosy patient who only found a job four years after being cured of the illness

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CONSERVING our groundwater

IN "AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH," A DOCUMENTARY SCREENED AT CANNES, AL GORE SPOKE ABOUT the difficulty of getting action on global warming. A growing body of evidence shows that global warming is happening, but groups like the energy industry lobbyists in the United States claim otherwise.

During his visit to Manila early this year, the former US Vice President warned that up to two million Metro Manila residents may have to be evacuated from flooded communities as melting glaciers and polar caps raise sea levels worldwide.

It turns out that the immediate threat to Metro Manila and other low-lying parts of the country is not global warming, but overextraction of groundwater, according to Filipino scientists.

Pumping too much water out of aquifers results in the sinking of the surface, a phenomenon called subsidence, which makes communities suffering from it more prone to flooding.

It is estimated that the sea level on the southern coast of Central Luzon has risen 20 to 90 millimeters a year because of subsidence. By contrast, global warming has raised sea levels by about 2 mm a year over the past century.

Besides subsidence, overextraction of groundwater can lower water tables, and cause saltwater and contaminants to seep into aquifers.

The judicious use of our underground water resource makes economic and environmental sense. Who wants to have that sinking feeling that we are squandering an important resource right beneath our feet?

No more wishing wells

By Ramon Alikpala

NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE IN this country, you don't have to travel far to see a body of water. We have enough rain that makes it easy for us to imagine what it was like when Noah had 40 days of rain.

It's easy to think we have a lot of water but the truth is our country has the second lowest amount of freshwater available per person in Southeast Asia.

We take our freshwater from rivers and lakes. And one of the most vital sources is something we can't see—water found under the ground or aquifers.

The aquifers in Metro Manila are at critical levels according to a National Water Resources Board (NWRB) Study done in 2004.

This means our water source is becoming more and more unusable. First, our groundwater faces the danger of contamination. For example, more than half of the wells tested in Metro Manila contain bacteria brought about by fecal matter.

Second, Manila Bay saltwater has seeped into our aquifers. Some wells tested as far as Makati exhibited intrusion from the bay.

Third, when too much water is pumped out of the aquifer—whether it is a *poso* or a commercial pump—it causes the surface to sink. The effect of sinking is called land subsidence.

The land subsidence in some pockets of Muntinlupa is believed to have been a result of overextraction of water.

Critical areas

Last year, the NWRB started to clamp down on illegal wells in Metro Manila to arrest the indiscriminate drawing out of groundwater that is draining and damaging Metro Manila's aquifer. The NWRB is tasked with regulating the extraction of water and preserving the sustainability of our water resources.

Estimates show that up to 60 percent of those using deep wells do not have permits. There is no way of monitoring and regulating their usage.

The extraction of groundwater in Metro Manila has exceeded the allowable extraction rate or safe yield according to the NWRB study.

Those considered to be in critical condition are Metro Manila, and some adjoining municipalities in Bulacan and Cavite.

Rampant illegal extraction

To address the rampant illegal extraction of groundwater, NWRB has coordinated with some of the local government units in Metro Manila, and with Manila Water and Maynilad to identify deep well extractors in the metropolis. Cease and Desist Orders (CDO) were issued to these establishments to stop their operations.

How much supply of water from the aquifer is lost due to illegal extraction?

The estimated volume of groundwater extracted from illegal wells is enough to meet the average requirements of more than half a million households per day.

The NWRB has issued 112 CDOs since 2004 to big offenders such as commercial establishments, hotels, malls and high-rise buildings.

Irreversible consequences

Despite this alarming report, illegal operations continue to be rampant because of the cheap cost of operating deep wells.

While the economic cost of operating a deep well is lower, the environmental cost of damaging the aquifer is incalculable and irreversible.

Almost all of Metro Manila's water requirements come from one source—the Angat Dam in Bulacan. If anything happens to this lone source, we will have to rely on our aquifers for our survival. But at the rate we're going, that option may be lost.

It's difficult to imagine how a depleted aquifer looks. It's easy to take for granted a precious resource we cannot see. Which is not to say that's water under the bridge.

(Alikpala is the executive director of the National Water Resources Board.)

Quezon City cracks down on illegal wells

TO CONSERVE GROUNDWATER and prevent the sinking of the ground due to "indiscriminate drilling and excavation of wells," the Quezon City Council approved on May 8 the "Sustainable Groundwater Utilization Ordinance." It sets the procedures and rules for the drilling of wells in the city.

Authored by Councilors Jorge Banal Jr. and Ariel Inton, the ordinance covers all proposed and existing well construction projects in the city, with the exception of those used for religious purposes.

Under the measure, the city shall allow the establishment and operation of wells as primary source of water only in areas where surface water is not provided by the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) or its concessionaires.

In areas where surface water is provided by MWSS or its concessionaires but not on a 24-hour basis, drilling wells may be permitted but only as a secondary source of water. In both cases, the extraction of water will still be limited to 5,000 cubic meters per month for household use, or the volume specified in the water permit, if for other purposes.

Wells used as primary sources of water shall be permitted until surface water is provided by the MWSS, while those used as secondary sources of water shall be allowed only when there is no water supply.

Requirements for the application of drilling permits include a detailed plan of the water supply system of the building, photocopies of the water permit issued by the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) and the conformity of the MWSS or its concessionaires. Moreover, a lessee applying for a permit should submit a photocopy of the duly notarized contract of lease, while corporations are to submit photocopies of their articles of incorporation.

Drilling fee

If the water from the well is meant for human consumption, it should meet the national standards for drinking water as can be verified by the result of the potability test conducted by the city health department.

The fee for the drilling permit starts at P505, which increases depending on the depth of the well and the diameter of pipes. The permits shall also be subject to a regular monthly fee for groundwater extraction ranging from P20 to P30, depending on the amount of water extracted per month.

All government institutions and government-controlled corporations, as well as embassies, consulates and missions are required to get the permits but are exempted from the fees.

Imprisonment

Upon the completion of the drilling, a certificate of completion signed and sealed by a registered sanitary engineer and NWRB-accredited well driller shall be submitted to the Sanitary and Plumbing Permit Section, Office of the Building Official, together with the plans, photocopies of the sanitary and plumbing permit, NWRB-issued water permit, and a Philippine Groundwater Data Bank well record.

The ordinance says that once the requirements have been met, the well shall be inspected by an authorized personnel of the Office of the Building Official. If the well is found to comply with the requirements, the building official shall issue a certificate of use, which shall be valid for one year.

Violators will be penalized as follows: For illegal well construction or illegal use and operation of a well, a penalty of P5,000 or imprisonment of three months or both, at the discretion of the court.

For excessive use of water wells, a penalty of P5,000 for the first violation, and another P5,000 for the second violation or imprisonment for three months or both, at the discretion of the court. The second violation shall also result in the forced closure of the well by the city.

Failure to maintain the proper operating condition of the well is also a ground for the suspension of the permit.

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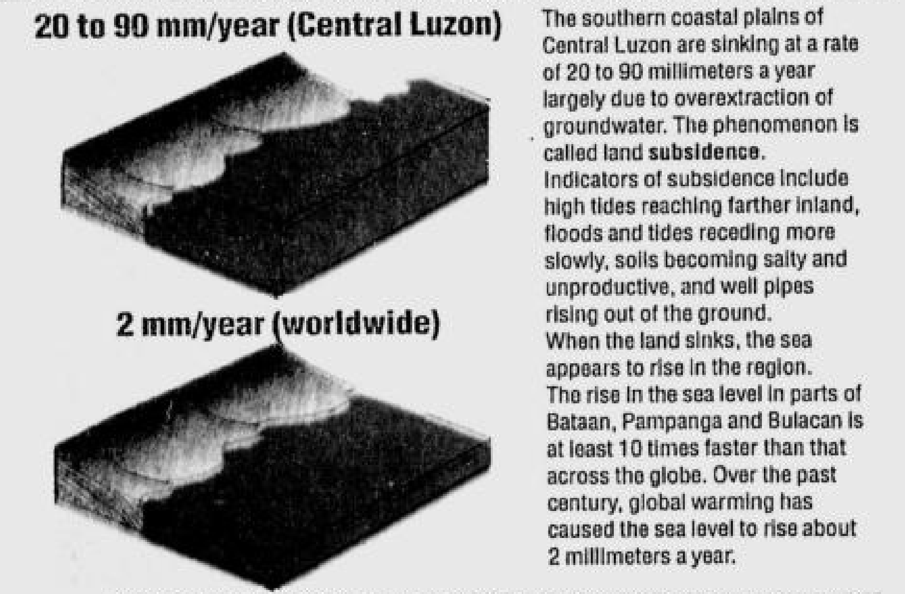
Rising sea levels



The southern coastal plains of Central Luzon are sinking at a rate of 20 to 90 millimeters a year largely due to overextraction of groundwater. The phenomenon is called land **subsidence**. Indicators of subsidence include high tides reaching farther inland, floods and tides receding more slowly, soils becoming salty and unproductive, and well pipes rising out of the ground. When the land sinks, the sea appears to rise in the region. The rise in the sea level in parts of Bataan, Pampanga and Bulacan is at least 10 times faster than that across the globe. Over the past century, global warming has caused the sea level to rise about 2 millimeters a year.

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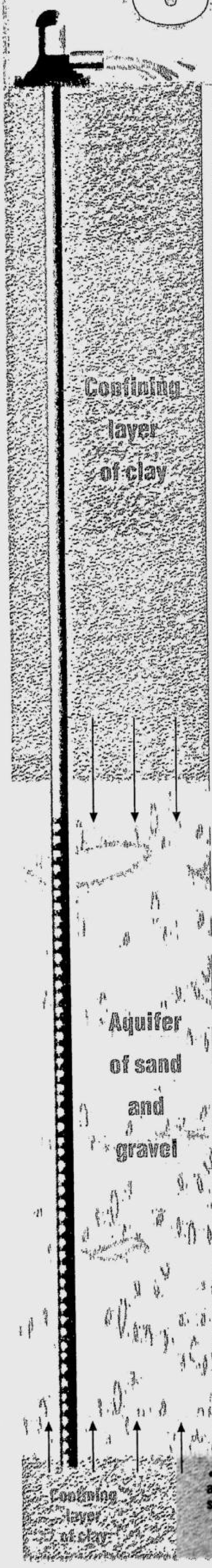

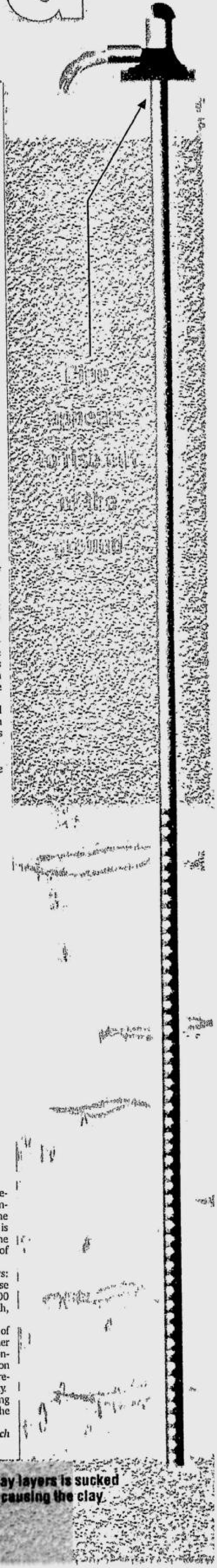

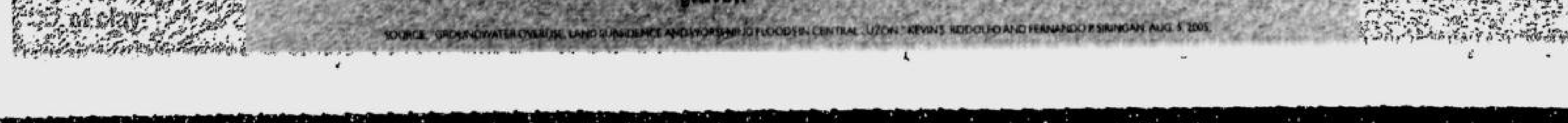

- Pumps extract water from aquifers—layers of sand and gravel soaked with water.
- If too much water is pumped out of the aquifer, the pressure is reduced in the spaces between grains of sand and gravel.
- Water in the clay layers is sucked into the aquifer, causing the clay layer to shrink.

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State of RP education: Freebies are not enough

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school in Northern Samar's remote and impoverished municipality of Lope de Vega. *(See story below.)*

Lope de Vega National High School does not have the wherewithal that its counterpart in General Pio del Pilar has.

And yet its students scored astonishing marks in English, math and science, leaving in the dust those from the Makati school. *(See sidebar)*.

The two schools illustrate the conundrum that is bedeviling the Philippine school system.

Beneficiaries of innovations

In some ways, both are beneficiaries of innovations implemented at the outset of President Macapagal-Arroyo's administration five years ago.

These were a result of studies and recommendations that had percolated in countless studies before her time.

Makati, as the country's premier city, gets approximately P1 billion out of the Special Education Fund derived from 1 percent assessment in real estate taxes. It was one of the measures the Arroyo administration introduced to tap funding outside the usual budget allocation. Financing possibilities are also being explored in the corporate world.

If Gen. Pio del Pilar School is regarded as "nonperforming," it is because of outside forces that intervene in the development of the child, as anywhere else. For example, many students there come from broken homes and dysfunctional families. Parents don't care.

Lope De Vega illustrates DepEd's decentralization efforts and initiatives to involve the entire community. The school's administrators decide what's best in what may be a worse case scenario. Because kids cannot do their homework in their huts, have to do household chores, do not have a study desk, they are asked to spend extra hours in school for mentoring.

Size matters

Size also matters, particularly the pupil-teacher ratio. Lope de Vega has only 489 students; Gen. Pio del Pilar has 2,700.

When the professional educators came into DepEd with the appointment of Edilberto de Jesus as Secretary and his successor Florencio "Butch" Abad, they were determined to pull the system out a rut since education became a casualty during the Ferdinand Marcos regime. Security then had become a necessity to prop up the dictatorship. It got the largest share of the budget.

The language Talibans of the Corazon Aquino administration, with its edict of enforcing Tagalog as a medium of instruction, set the nation back further at the dawn of the age of information communications technology.

English had become the lingua franca in the sweep of globalization. We attempted to expunge it from our tongue.

"We said there was no sense trying to sugarcoat the problem," said Juan Miguel Luz, former education undersecretary for finance and administration and a major cog in the De Jesus team. "There's a performance gap and there is a quality gap."

Miserable test scores

This was manifested in miserable test scores and such indicators as dropout and completion rates.

No doubt, there were individual exceptions.

"We need solutions that cut across the system. That's been the hardest part because when you are highly centralized, you have a one-size-fits-all model," says the 48-year-old Luz.

"That's why with Butch Abad and the Schools First Initiative, we tried to start allowing the divisions to start changing the way they do things."

This did not happen until the "Governance of Basic Education Act" was passed in 2001.

3 Rs

The "three Rs" that De Jesus conceptualized came into full play then. These were raising academic standards, reducing the resource gap and reengineering the system.

New methods were put in place apart from attempting to raise classroom performance. The technocrats sought new ways of bidding out and constructing classrooms. They used soft drink trucks to deliver to far flung barangays materials otherwise withering away in warehouses for years. The deal was to do away with shenanigans and hucksters.

Alas, the gains of the past several years began to unravel as President Arroyo grappled with the worst political crisis of her administration. The technocrats began leaving the service after calls for her resignation came over charges she manipulated the 2004 presidential election.

Nearly a year after Abad quit in a huff, Ms Arroyo still has to name his replacement.

"No initiative will move until there is a permanent secretary," says Abad.

"The tendency of the people in the bureaucracy is not to take any risks or not to start anything, fearing that when there is a change of leadership, then it is possible that the priorities will change. So why risk it, or why waste effort," says Abad.

Luz says he had presided over three textbook procurements—a source of massive corruption in previous years.

"In all three years, we opened the bids and within 12 months, we completed delivery. Never been done before," says Luz. "In the last year, which was 2005, we actually paid out within 12 months."

Luz says that in November 2005, DepEd went on the same bidding process. No award has yet been made in an era where ideas and concepts come and go with the blink of an eye.

"Do you think they will be able to deliver before the end of the year? No. It's going to be the middle of next year, which means they have lost two school years.

Opportunity in old ways

"All of this is because the new people who came in are intent on trying to do it their way, which is really another way of saying, I think, let's go back to the old style because there is opportunity for us. That's the problem," says Luz.

Take the case of providing furniture. The technocrats wanted it done locally. It stimulates the local economy. That's what they had, in fact, done. It is pretty much the same situation in constructing classrooms.

"Why do you want to do it at the national level?" Luz asks.

Those people at the national level who win the bids after all are subcontracting the job to the locals. There's just largesse to be had in all this.

A bad joke

Luz referred to a recent Malacañang announcement that the classroom construction budget had just been released in time for the school year.

"That's a really bad joke," says Luz, who has been sacked for not honoring a postdated check issued by the Palace to fund the scholarship program of a Zambales congressman.

Classroom construction, at the earliest, takes seven months to complete. This means that even if you bid tomorrow, you cannot deliver those classrooms until January.

"So why are you saying it's ready in time for the school year?" Luz says. *Reported by Alcuin Papa*

(Tomorrow: What's wrong with the education system)

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Poor Samar HS rich in test scores

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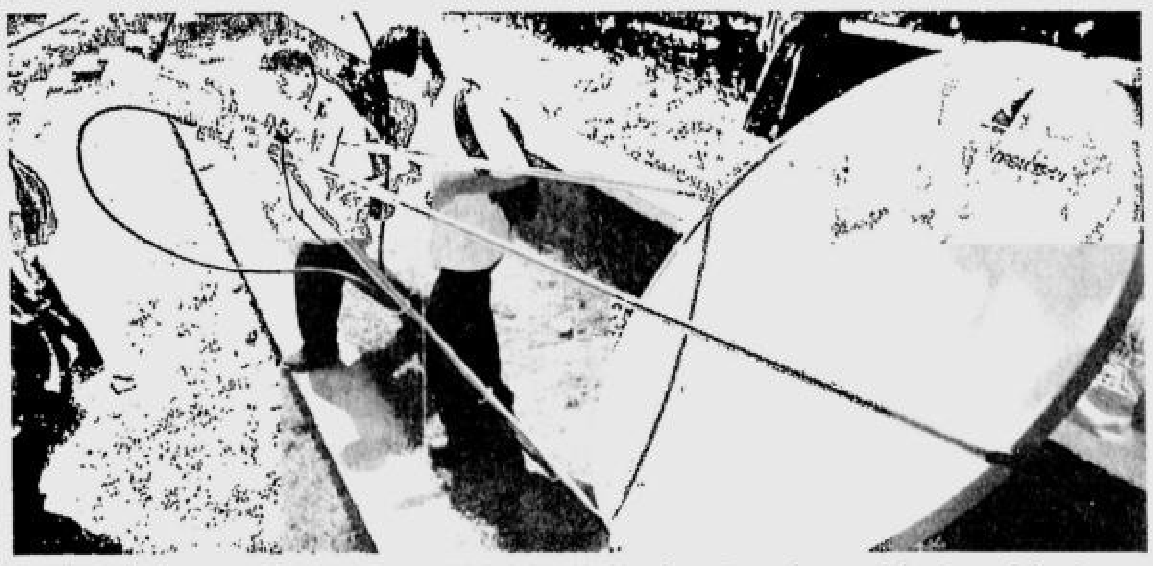

INFOTECH: The Lope de Vega National High School in Northern Samar is part of the Smart Schools Program which provides free Internet access for a year, access to online content and teacher training.

roads away from the provincial capital of Catarman, was named the best public high school in the country after topping the 2003-04 National Achievement Test.

It bested even the public high schools in Metro Manila, and the 100 seniors who took the test achieved an average score of 86.67 percent (as against the national average of 44.6 percent).

The school slid to seventh place in the 2004-05 rankings, but its teachers and students still consider it a towering achievement and are working hard to make it back to No. 1.

63 in a class

Not bad for a school where about nine in 10 students are children of farmers, many of whom do not own the land they are working on, and where rooms are packed with as many as 63 students in one class.

Many of the 489 students start walking across rice fields as early as 5 a.m. just to make it to the first bell at 7 a.m., and some are so poor that they eat crushed chips with their rice at lunch.

Attendance also drops during the rainy season because the rivers reach swollen proportions that some of the students cannot cross.

But the students are not complaining, believing as they do that they are getting the best education they need to get ahead in life.

Their faith is not unfounded, for they have the full support of the school administrators, teachers, parents, and even the local government unit.

Saturday classes

Talk about support.

According to high school principal Rey Bulawan, to enhance the students' skills in English, science and mathematics, Filipino and *araling panlipunan* (social studies), teachers conduct enrichment classes every Saturday—without pay.

Attendance is not compulsory, but 75 percent of the students religiously attend. (The others cannot come because they have to help their parents at the farm to make ends meet.)

The parents, on the other hand, participate actively in the Parent, Teachers and Community Association (PTCA) to look for ways to help the children.

They do not wait for funds from the government and instead pool their skills and the little money they have to make repairs in the classrooms, install new tables and chairs, and cement the pathways.

Some parents, even those whose children have already moved on to college, help out in the gardening.

Constant communication

PTCA president Oscar Maceriano told the INQUIRER that he and the other association members were at the school almost all hours of the day and in constant communication with the principal and the teachers because they all wanted one thing: Quality education for the students.

Added Bulawan: "We want to show the whole nation that we can make a difference even if we are in such a remote place."

One of their latest projects is a campaign to raise P40,000 to install iron grills in one of the new rooms.

Bulawan attributed the students' superior performance largely to the close relationship between the teachers and the students, abetted by their desire to help the children.

"We tell the parents that they can help their children by making sure that the latter read their books and study at home," he said. "We also request them to limit [TV-viewing] because it will distract the children from their studies."

The school does its part by making sure that the teachers come to school prepared and enthusiastic so that the children will be motivated to perform at their best.

Town-hall style

At the Lope de Vega National High School, the selection of the honor graduates is done town-hall style, where the parents, principal, teachers, advisers and students take part in the deliberations, Bulawan said.

"We are very open with our grading systems. We ask the parents to compute because they already have an idea of the test results. This is our way of being very transparent," he said.

The local government unit does its part, too.

Lope De Vega Mayor Erlinda Palloc-Cinco said the town was supporting all the enrolled students by shouldering the miscellaneous fees, amounting to over P160,000 a year.

She said she had also set aside a special education fund to improve school facilities and purchase books, especially in math, English and science.

"Despite our meager internal revenue allotment, we see to it that education-related projects are on top of our list," Cinco said.

The town officials also lend their support in terms of policies.

There is a 10 p.m. curfew, and videoke outlets are regulated to make sure they do not make too much noise.

Also, no student is allowed to play computer games in Internet cafes during school days.

"We are all highly committed to education, and the results prove that all things impossible are actually possible if we just all work together," Bulawan said.

Smart Schools Program

Even private firms, such as Smart Communications Inc., have taken notice of the collective feat and decided to pitch in.

Smart included the high school in the Smart Schools Program, and its teachers were provided free Internet access for a year, access to online content, and teacher training.

The Smart Schools Program is the telco's community service initiative to promote the use of Information and Communications Technology in basic education through partnerships with public high schools, its officials and parent-teachers and community associations.

Mayor Cinco welcomed the Smart Schools Program and expressed hope that the other teachers in the municipality would take advantage of the facility.

"I would want all public school teachers, even those in the elementary school, and the municipal staff to learn how to use the computer and the Internet so we can all expand our learning and uplift our municipality," she said.

Lope de Vega is certainly well on its way, and the students are proving their mettle in division competitions, where many of them come out winners.

These days, when they take part in competitions, people look at them with respect and admiration for what they have done on their own.

Look who's smiling now.

World Bank cites Marikina one of four . . .

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tructure facilities despite funding constraints, was among the four cities featured at a roundtable on urban governance and infrastructure during the World Bank's Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE).

The other local government units (LGUs) summoned to share their exemplary framework in rising to the challenge of boosting competitiveness were Alexandria in Egypt, Lagos State in Nigeria and Hokkaido in Japan.

The Asian Institute of Management, together with the Ford Foundation, had ranked Marikina the No. 1 LGU in the Philippines in terms of infrastructure, one of the many awards that the city has bragging rights to.

Provides mobility

"We are not in any way close to New York in infrastructure so it may come as a surprise that we ranked No. 1, but we've tried to provide amenities in our city which are not available in other cities," Marikina Mayor Lourdes Fernando said during a plenary session at the ABCDE Tuesday night.

Frannie Leautier, vice president of the World Bank Institute who chaired the roundtable, said Marikina had provided mobility to facilitate the flow of investments and likewise aptly addressed basic services like health care and waste collection which were always big challenges in urban planning.

Fernando said it took 10 years to put up a sound infrastructure for Marikina, starting with only five concrete roads in 1992.

The city now has 350 km of concrete roadway, 240 km of concrete drainage, 1.7 km of bridges, 1.14 km of dikes for flood control and something that other local cities have yet to replicate—32 km of bicycle lane.

Bicycle lanes

The World Bank had earlier provided the city with a grant of $1.3 million (P68.66 million) for the construction of bicycle lanes.

"This is very timely because with the increase in gas prices, many people are using bicycles," Fernando said.

Marikina's sidewalks are not only paved and pedestrian-friendly but it is also 100 percent free of sidewalk vendors and other obstruction—another uncommon feature in Metro Manila.

Also, the city was able to build a number of access roads across the creek used to be inhabited by squatter colonies to improve mobility, likewise allowing the periodic clearing and dredging operations to prevent flooding.

Fernando also took pride in her city's hassle-free roadways with street signages and functional traffic lights, as the local government took the initiative of upgrading old traffic lights, which was supposed to be the function of national agencies.

Basic services delivered

Aside from the provision of horizontal infrastructure, Fernando shared during the conference, Marikina's success in the provision of basic services such as garbage collection, health care and education.

The city's garbage collection efficiency stood at 99 percent, the highest in Metro Manila.

To address public health, Marikina provided health centers and was constructing a diagnostics center to service the marginalized sectors.

It was operating a "clean food" laboratory which examined food sold within the city to make sure they were fit for human consumption.

Common among the cities featured by the World Bank was their ability to provide the infrastructure needs of their constituents. The ABCDE-Tokyo 2006, after all, was a wake-up call for the global community to "rethink" infrastructure priorities in order to cope with the enormous challenges stalking developing countries.

First lesson

World Bank chief economist and senior vice president Francois Bourguignon summed up the two-day discussions here as a collective effort to enhance infrastructure policies and investment choices in various settings—from isolated lagging regions to burgeoning urban centers and from small local-level projects to massive multi-country regional initiatives.

"The scope of the problem is huge, the complexity enormous—but the need for progress is overwhelming," Bourguignon said.

The first ABCDE ever to be held in Asia was attended by over 1,300 development planners, policy-makers, civic leaders, academicians, multilateral/bilateral donor institutions, researchers as well as government and private sector representatives from across the globe.

Drawing from the plenary discussions, Bourguignon said the first lesson from this year's ABCDE was that the case for increased infrastructure investment must be built on its expected macro impact on growth and ultimately poverty reduction.

He also stressed the need to strike the right balance between public and private involvement. Over the last decade, he noted that the private provision of infrastructure was inadequate to fill the infrastructure gap, suggesting a continuing need for mixed financing vehicles, through which public and private contributions could be combined or public policies used to indirectly support private finance.

Maximizing resources

"But care must be exercised here as well—governments must avoid options that create open-ended financing windows or large contingent liabilities and the level and pattern of financing provided must be carefully balanced against fiscal requirements," Bourguignon said.

Marikina's success was an example of how an LGU could deliver despite funding constraints.

In an interview with the INQUIRER after her presentation, Fernando said: "We just never complain. Whatever resources we have, we maximize, stretch them to the limit, *tipid talaga* (We make both ends meet)."

Fernando became the mayor of Marikina in 2001, elected to the post vacated by her husband Bayani Fernando who is now chief of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

A businesswoman before she became mayor and a graduate of Cornell University in New York and University of the Philippines, she keeps a team of strategists who brainstorm about innovative ideas and draw from best practices here and abroad.

Vision for Marikina

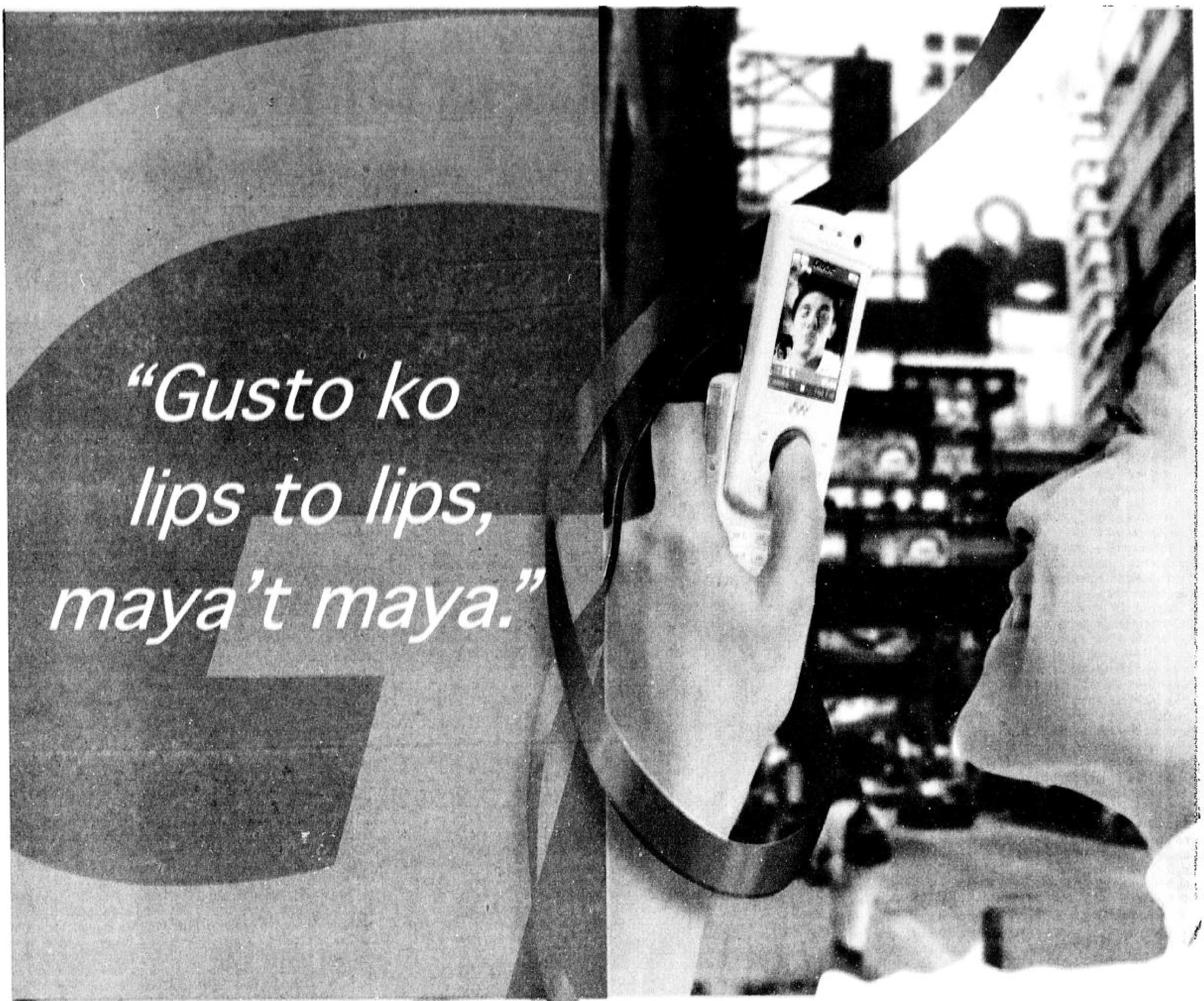
Fernando said Marikina was not even halfway through its ambition. "What we'd like to do now is translating our success as a city to economic success for the people. If the people are still poor what for did we improve the city if their lifestyle didn't improve?"

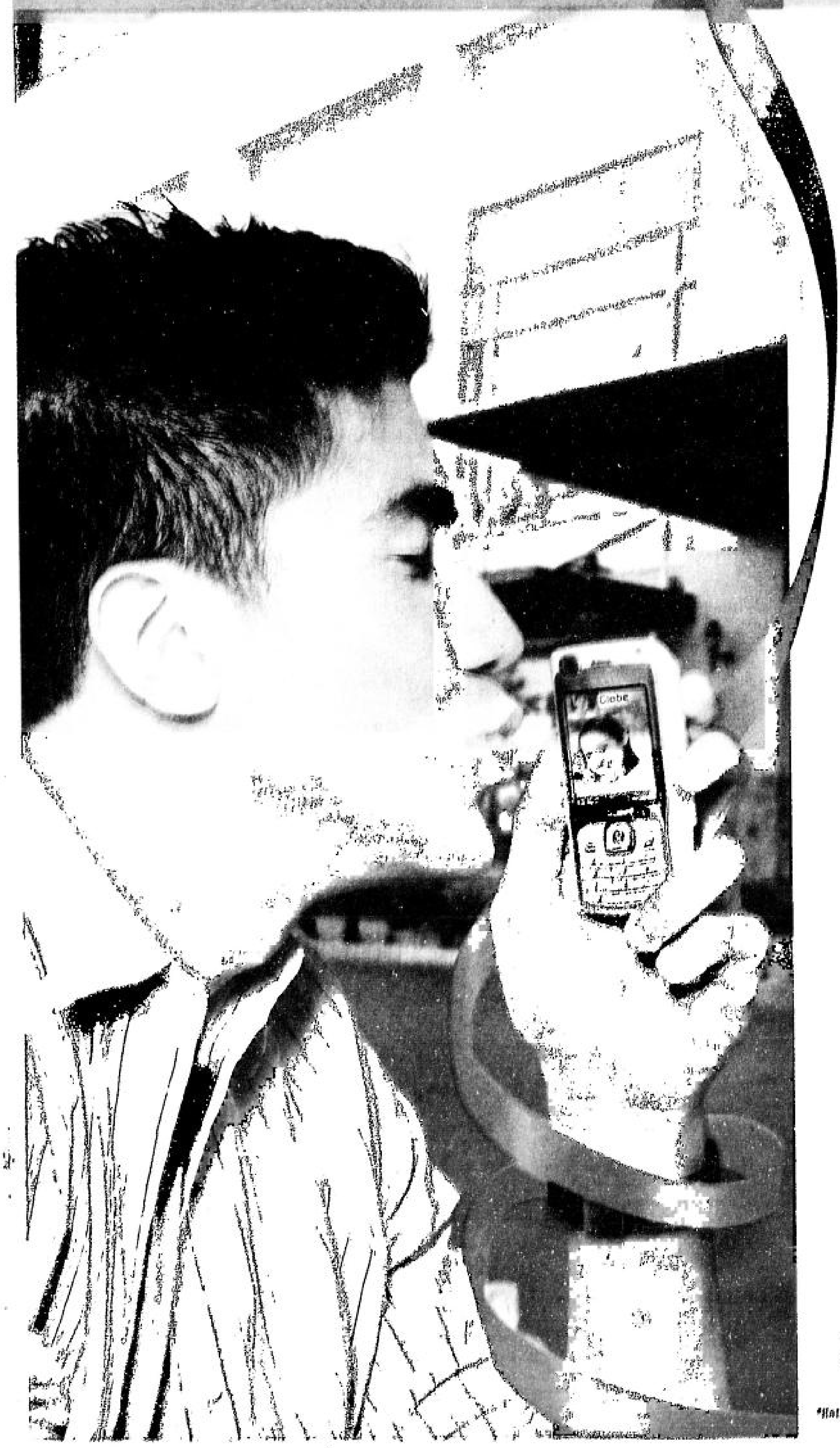
In line with this, she said the city was able to reduce its population growth through an extensive family planning campaign.

"We're telling our people that they can't have large families if they want their lives to improve It's a city-wide education program targeting the teens, the mothers, the fathers," she said.

Asked about her vision fo Marikina, Fernando said: "To be a little Singapore, that's our benchmark ... a financial center, a business community that has a lot of dynamism and growth, yet balanced with environment [protection] and quality living."

She said the dream could be fulfilled in 10 years' time, even when she's no longer the city' mayor.





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'Jueteng' in Isabela a 'cat, mouse' affair

ILAGAN, ISABELA—THE ILLEGAL numbers game "jueteng" had resumed full blast in various towns in the province, just four days after operations were stopped due to a crackdown launched by the Philippine National Police's anti-illegal gambling task force.

Vice Gov. Ramon Reyes, the acting governor, said it was "disgusting" that jueteng operations in the province stopped only while members of the PNP task force were in the province for a supposed crackdown.

"This recurrence cannot be possible without knowledge from the local PNP," he said.

Officials here confirmed last week that jueteng, after almost a month of operations, stopped on May 24. They credited the arrival of a second team of the anti-illegal gambling task force sent by Director General Arturo Lomibao, PNP chief, for it.

This prompted Reyes to prepare a letter for Lomibao, thanking him for his prompt action against jueteng here. But just as Reyes sent his letter, jueteng operations resumed.

On Thursday, Reyes wrote a second letter to Lomibao calling for a "more stringent act or policy" against officials of the Isabela police.

"The resurgence of jueteng operations in the province after the elements of the task force left is a contempt and insult that should be dealt with accordingly," he said.

Reyes also urged the police to be sincere in their drive against illegal gambling in the province.

Senior Supt. Oscar Fiesta, acting Isabela police director, denied any knowledge on the resurgence of jueteng.

"Why do you keep on asking me about it? I don't know anything about these games. You ask the mayors," Fiesta told the INQUIRER when reached through his mobile phone.

He said bet collections for EZ-2 lottery, a government-sanctioned game, were being mistaken as jueteng. *Melvin Gascon and Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

ROUNDUP

New C. de Oro bishop

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Archbishop Antonio Ledesma formally took over the leadership of the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro on Monday. Ledesma was assigned to the Prelature of Ipil in Zamboanga Sibugay before he was named as replacement for Archbishop Jesus Tuquib Jr. Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales installed Ledesma in ceremonies at the St. Augustine Cathedral Church here.

Grace C. Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau

19 hurt in accident

PAGBILAO, Quezon—A Manila-bound bus from Bicol fell on its left side Wednesday afternoon, causing injuries to 19 passengers. Pagbilao police Chief Supt. Joselito Conti said the Raymond bus, driven by a certain Randell Asis, was on the zigzag diversion road in Barangay Silangang Malicboy when it fell on its left side and skidded. The injured passengers were rushed to a hospital in the town but most were released after receiving first aid treatment. The bus driver was detained.

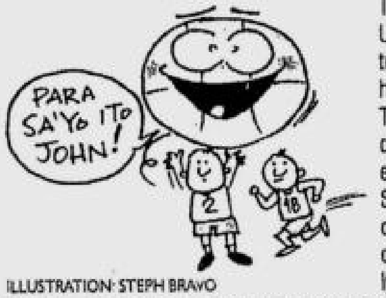
Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

2 motorcycle riders killed

LUCENA CITY—Two motorcycle riders died after their vehicle smashed into the steel post of a road sign on a sharp curve in Barangay Ibabang Iyam along the Maharlika Highway here early Thursday. Police said Christian Arvin Cruz, 24, and Kelly Matt, 21, both residents of this city, suffered fatal head and body injuries in the crash. Both died at the Quezon Medical Center. They were not wearing helmets.

Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Basketball player honored



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TUGUEGARAO CITY—Members of the University of Sto. Tomas basketball team held an exhibition game here to honor their late member, John Lee Apil. The game was held on May 25, the 40th day of Apil's death. Apil was electrocuted in a resort in his native town of Solana, Cagayan, on April 15. Members of the UST Growling Tigers, led by their coach Pido Jarencio, visited Apil's family in Solana before they played two exhibition matches against local teams at the people's gymnasium here.

Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

3 troops slain in ambush

CAMP MELCHOR DELA CRUZ, Isabela—Two soldiers and a militia man were killed in an ambush by communist rebels in Balbalan, Kalinga, on May 26, reports said. Cpl. Toribio Raras, Pfc. Rey Galong and three members of the Citizens Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu) were patrolling Barangay Poswoy in Balbalan when New People's Army rebels attacked and killed them.

Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Truck kills 2 men

BASCO, Batanes—Two men were killed while two others were hurt on Thursday when a truck being unloaded from a ship at the port of this capital town fell on them. Reports said Cesar Castro and Catalino Caronilla, employees of the Basco town government, were killed when the crane's cable snapped and unfastened the truck. The 12-wheel truck came from Metro Manila and would be delivered to the provincial engineering office here.

Juliet Cataluña, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Soldier in custody

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—A soldier was placed in the custody of his superiors because of allegations he summarily executed a 17-year-old suspected thief in Malapatan, Sarangani province. Brig. Gen. Alfredo Cayton, commander of the Army's 601st Infantry Brigade, said Pfc Alvin Garlet, of the 57th Infantry Battalion, was also disarmed and restricted to quarters. Garlet allegedly shot to death Radin Rodriguez, who was suspected of stealing a gun and goods from a *sari-sari* store in Kinam village on May 25.

Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau

1 dead as hunters attacked

COTABATO CITY—One person died while five others were wounded after soldiers allegedly fired on a group of B'laan natives hunting for wild boar in Columbio, Sultan Kudarat on Thursday, a survivor said on Friday. But Lt. Col. Cesar Idio, commander of the Army's 25th Infantry Battalion, said it was a legitimate encounter with unidentified armed men. Idio said soldiers were on patrol when they saw the armed men. Survivor Jerry Lagaro, 32, said he and his group were hunting for wild boar and were unarmed. A relative, Rogelio Lagaro, was killed by the soldiers.

Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Slay try suspects hunted

COTABATO CITY—Senior Supt. Akmad Mamalinta, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) police chief, ordered a manhunt for the suspects in Wednesday's failed assassination of a Lanao del Sur mayor. Mamalinta said he also asked help from Marines for the arrest of the suspects. Mayor Mohammad Ali Merkano Abinal of Marantao, Lanao del Sur, survived the assassination attempt.

Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

MILF says entry of JIs into RP work of Sayyaf

COTABATO CITY—THE MORO Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) yesterday said it was the Abu Sayyaf, not a Malaysian militant group, that helped Jemaah Islamiyah members enter the Philippines through Mindanao.

Earlier, Malaysian police officials said at least seven JI suspects, including Bali bombing masterminds Dulmatin and Omar Patek, slipped into Mindanao with the help of a group called Darul Islam between 2003 and March 2006.

But Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said it was actually the self-styled Islamist group Abu Sayyaf that facilitated the JI members' entry into the country.

"There is no other group aside from the Abu Sayyaf, which facilitated the entry of JI in Mindanao," Kabalu said.

He said the military was aware of the cooperation between the JI and the Abu Sayyaf.

The JI is the Southeast Asian arm of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network of terror. It mainly operates in Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia and Southern Thailand, which is also being rocked by a nationalist rebellion involving Malay Muslims.

Army information

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino, deputy commander of the military's Southern Command, said that contrary to the report of the Malaysian police, the military has actually monitored the presence of about 30 JI members in the country.

Dulmatin, whose real name is Joko Pitono, and Patek were last reported to be in Central Mindanao in late 2005 in the company of Abu Sayyaf chieftain Khaddafy Janjalani, although there were previous claims by local military commanders that they were also seen with MILF forces in Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur.

The MILF has consistently denied it was harboring terrorists and said it was even helping the government determine their location as part of its efforts to boost the peace process.

The peace talks between Manila and the MILF, the remaining Muslim rebel group trying to secede from the Philippines, hit a snag because of the issue on ancestral domain.

Ancestral domain would become the basis for a future Bangsamoro entity.

Despite the failure of both panels to define the issue, the peace talks continue to move forward, according to government chief negotiator Silvestre Afable.

"(But) while the panels have achieved significant progress in defining the concept, sharing the resources and establishing governance, they are held back from reaching full consensus on the ancestral domain agenda by the highly technical nature of discussions on the delineation and demarcation of territory," he admitted.

Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Benguet 1 of pilot areas for recycling

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—This capital town will join four cities as pilot sites in the country for the recyclables collection event, an activity organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and various private and government agencies to reduce wastes.

Mayor Nestor Fongwan said Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes identified La Trinidad and Davao, Cebu and Quezon cities as the areas that would start a nationwide campaign to reduce garbage and generate additional income for local governments through recycling.

Fongwan said the activity hopes to cut waste generation in the town by as much as 50 percent.

He said an average of 80 tons of garbage is generated in La Trinidad daily, 50 tons of which are biodegradable wastes produced by the largely agricultural community.

While biodegradable wastes can be used as compost to neutralize the acidity of farmlands in the area caused by chemical inputs, recycling is the key to further reduce the volume of garbage, Fongwan said. *Donna Demetillo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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STL divides Negros execs as benefits are dangled

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—NEGROS OCCIDENTAL officials Friday remained divided on whether or not to allow the entry of Small Town Lottery in the province despite efforts of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) to convince them of the economic benefits that local government units will get from STL operation.

Most of the provincial board members and Vice Gov. Isidro Zayco remained unconvinced that allowing STL in Negros Occidental would be in the best interest of their constituents.

The province's municipal mayors, on the other hand, believe that by allowing STL into the towns, they could generate funds for many of their pet projects.

PCSO officials, led by Romualdo Quiñonez, manager of the PCSO special project department, met with Zayco, currently the acting governor in the absence of Gov. Joseph Marañon who was out of town, the town mayors and provincial board members to explain the benefits of allowing STL operations.

Quiñonez outlined how the STL will infuse funds into the coffers of LGUs through the PCSO's decentralized allocation scheme.

He explained that from the STL operations' gross of, for example, P1 million in a day, 5 percent will go to the national government, and another 5 percent to the corporation running it, leaving P900,000 to benefit the people.

Of the remaining 90 percent, 55 percent, or P495,000, will be the prize fund that will circulate among the winning bettors from the area, and 10 percent, or P90,000, will go to the host LGU, Quiñonez said.

The provincial government will get a share of 5 percent of the gross from every municipality where STL operates, 5 percent will go to the provincial Philippine National Police office and the office of the congressman will get 2.5 percent of the gross earnings of each LGU operating STL in its district, he added.

The rest of the proceeds will go to the PCSO for its operating cost and its various charity programs, he said.

Quiñonez stressed that CSO will not force STL in areas where it is not wanted by the LGUs.

In the case of Negros Occidental, however, where the provincial chapter of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan have taken conflicting positions, the issue will be resolved by the PCSO board of directors.

He said he could not say when the board would resolve the matter and when STL could enter Negros Occidental.

Zayco said the Negros Occidental officials who are for or against STL would submit their position papers to the PCSO board and wait for its decision.

Zayco, an antigambling advocate, remained oppose to STL despite the PCSO's presentation.

Board Member Corazon Diploma said she is not in favor of STL "because it is just like we are giving imprimatur to the culture of gambling."

"As elected public officials we should also be the watchdogs of morality," she added.

Ex-cop draws long prison term for murders

By Cristina Arzadon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LAOAG CITY—A FORMER POLICEman was sentenced to reclusion perpetua (20 to 40 years in prison) for four murder cases and to a maximum imprisonment of eight years each for 14 separate charges of attempted murder in what was called as the "Abra massacre" in 2002.

Joselito Tagudar, who was present during the case promulgation on May 24, was one of the three accused in the murder and attempted murder of the victims in October 2002 in San Juan, Abra.

His co-accused, Judito Molina, said to be a bodyguard of a San Juan official, and an unidentified man, are at large.

Judge Conrado Ragucos of the regional trial court here took over the case in 2003 when the Supreme Court granted a petition to transfer the case from the Abra court where the cases were initially filed.

Tagudar sought the transfer of the hearings to another venue, citing threats to his life.

In a 24-page ruling, Ragucos also ordered Tagudar to pay the heirs of each murdered victim P50,000 and another P20,000 for each of the 14 victims who were hurt during the attack.

Court records showed that the victims were playing cards in a wake in Barangay Baug in San Juan.

Tagudar and the other accused, who were wearing ski masks, appeared at the wake near midnight and fired at the victims using M-16 Armalite rifles.

HEAD GEAR

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Elders at the Mines View Park in Baguio City earn a living renting out improvised Igorot hats to tourists. The hats could be used as accessories in photo sessions for P5 per person.

20,000 more visitors added to Baguio list

BAGUIO CITY—THE SUMMER capital added at least 20,000 visitors on its guest list this summer because of an unexpected 20 percent increase in visitor arrival after the Holy Week break.

Benedicto Alhambra, city tourism officer, said Baguio normally hosts between 100,000 and 200,000 tourists in May, following the heavy visitor traffic it encounters during Christmas and five days of Holy Week.

But the increase this year appears to have been spurred by the struggling economy, he said.

Many pharmaceutical firms in the country held their annual conventions here in May, instead of destinations like Cebu or Boracay, because traveling to Baguio is relatively cheaper, Alhambra said.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon said the city's chief concern in the past was the high toll imposed by the operators of the North Luzon Expressway.

Alhambra said more visitors started arriving on Friday and Saturday, as families took their last-minute weekend holidays before school opens on June 5, Alhambra said.

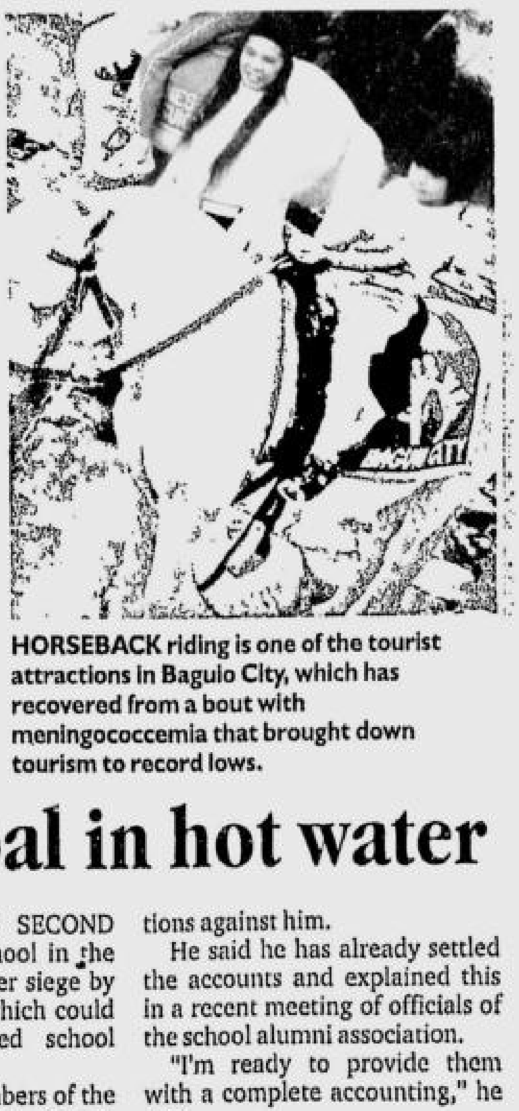
Some of these families have camped out at the Burnham Park, "a feature in our new tourist program, which caters to the low-income domestic tourist," he said.

These families set up camp near the park's skating rink on Saturday, watching local grade school students rehearse a dance they plan to present to their teachers on school opening day.

Most hotels reported full bookings until next week, while restaurants reported doing brisk business since Friday night, Alhambra said.

Members of the Baguio Tourism Council said parents who accompany children enrolled in Baguio's universities end up contributing to the city's tourism income because some decide to stay for a few days of extended holidays.

"This is the moment when we cannot differentiate between the impact of students and tourists on the local economy. We have always debated whether Baguio is here as a tourist town or as a university town, but this is one month when we can reasonably say it's really both," said a local restaurant owner. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



HORSEBACK riding is one of the tourist attractions in Baguio City, which has recovered from a bout with meningococcemia that brought down tourism to record lows.

Principal in hot water

LUCENA CITY—THE SECOND oldest public high school in the country has been under siege by protesting teachers, which could imperil the scheduled school opening on Monday.

The protesting members of the Quezon National High School Teachers Association are asking for the removal of their school principal, Emilio Ulpindo, on charges of alleged graft and corruption for P13 million in school funds that are unaccounted for.

Ulpindo denied the accusations against him.

He said he has already settled the accounts and explained this in a recent meeting of officials of the school alumni association.

"I'm ready to provide them with a complete accounting," he said.

He quickly clarified that there were other persons who should also be held accountable.

"It's not only me. There are still others," he said. He did not elaborate. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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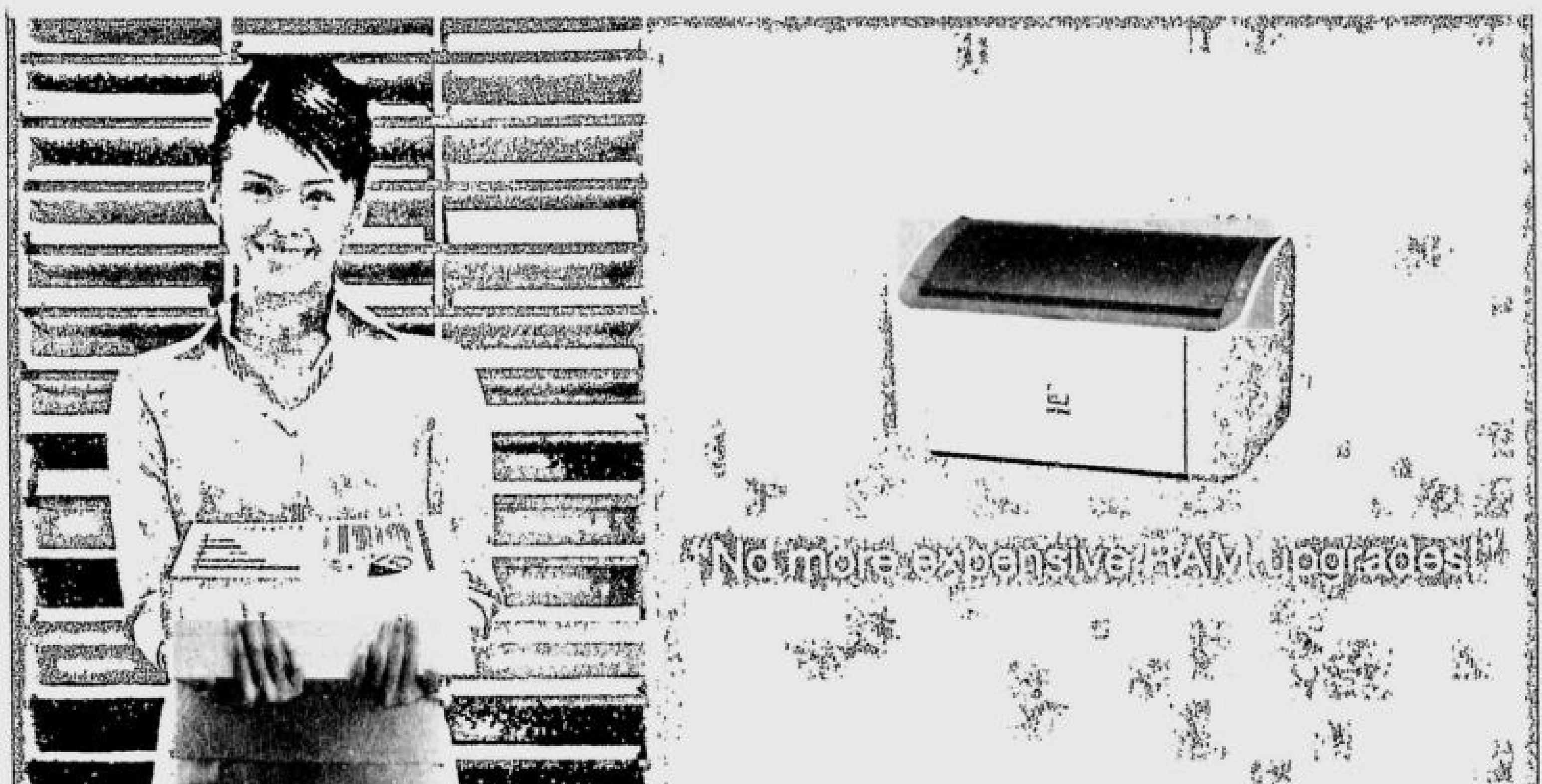

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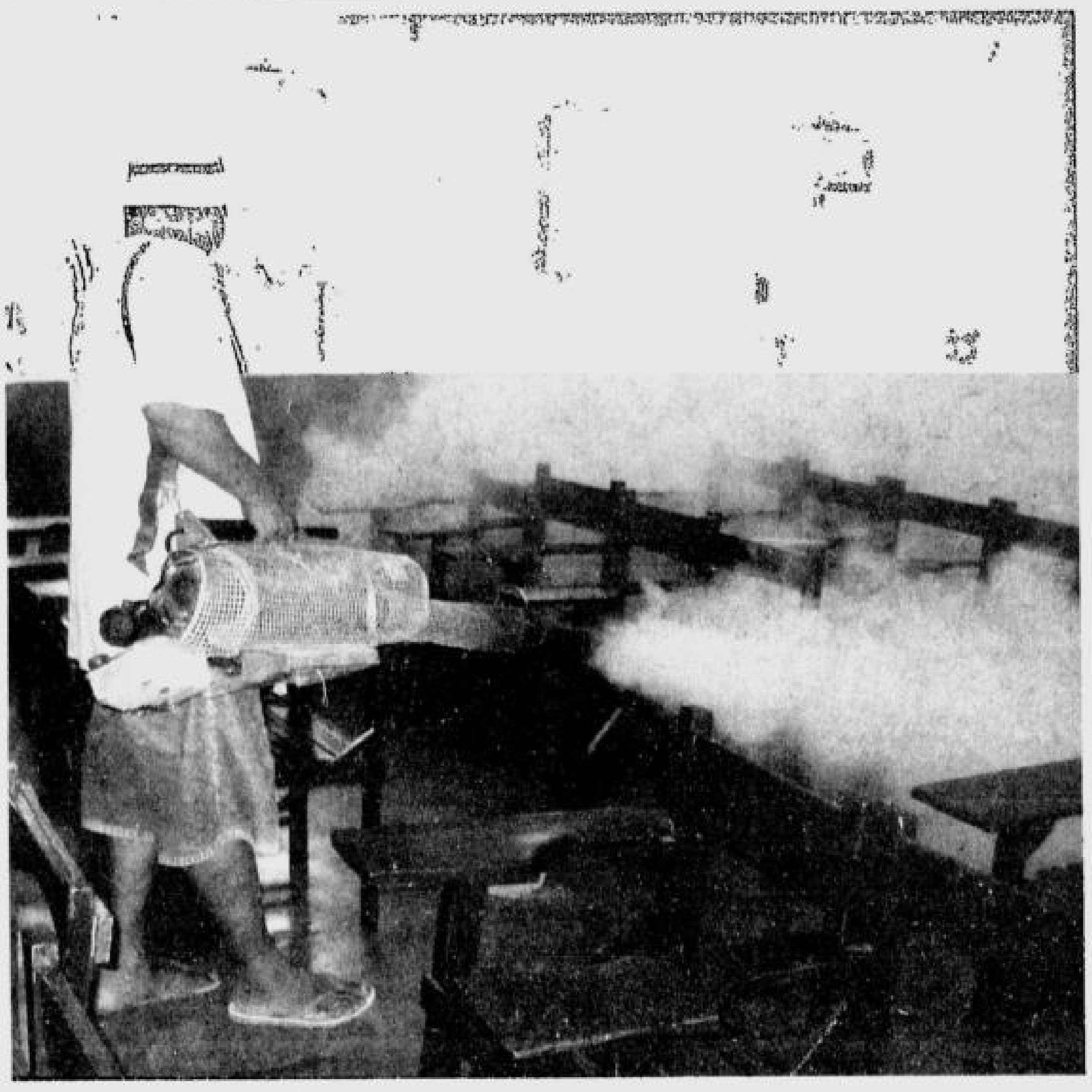

READY FOR SCHOOL LEONCIO BALBIN JR./PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

A worker of the Candon City health office uses a fogging machine to drive away mosquitoes from a classroom in the city in preparation for the opening of classes next week. The fogging operation was done to prevent dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases.

Illegal fishing killing C. Visayas marine life

By Jolene R. Bulambot
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—ORNAMENTAL AND tropical fish and other marine species thriving in the seas of Central Visayas are slowly disappearing.

The culprit, warned the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) in the region, is the prevailing use of destructive fishing methods.

Known for its rich marine life, many ornamental fish in the waters of Central Visayas—composed of the island-provinces of Cebu, Bohol and Siquijor and Negros Oriental on Negros Island—were being driven away by the degradation of their habitat.

Joezen Corales, chief of the project development section of BFAR regional office, said the use of cyanide, dynamite, push-nets and other destructive methods in fishing caused ornamental and marine aquarium fishes to seek safer habitats.

"The use of cyanide has caused damage to our coral reefs, it has poisoned the coral reefs...," she said.

Woodenheaded

Despite stiff penalties for illegal fishing, many fishermen still continue using destructive fishing methods, she said.

Corales said one other solution was to establish more marine sanctuaries in the region's waters.

Corales said BFAR continues to provide technical services to local government units and non-government organizations to set up marine sanctuaries in Central Visayas.

So far, he said, the region has 274 marine sanctuaries.

BFAR data said from January to May 2006, 63,130 kilograms of ornamental fish were exported to the United States, Europe and other Asian countries like Japan and Singapore.

Aside from the depletion of tropical fish in Central Visayas, BFAR also noted a decrease in the production of municipal marine fisheries.

In the first quarter of this year, fish catch declined by 12.81 percent, with 12,752 kg caught during the period, according to data from the Department of Agriculture. During the same period last year, the total fish catch reached 14,626 kg, the DA data said.

Destructive factors

Corales said the DA data also cited destructive fishing, pollution and cold weather as the primary causes of the decrease in production.

Aaron Abraham, director for Asia-Pacific operations of the Marine Aquarium Council (MAC), also expressed concern over the use of destructive fishing methods in the Philippines.

Abraham said destructive fishing has diminished the quality of tropical fish because there is a perception in the international marine aquatic trade that ornamental fish in the Philippines is of "low quality" due to the destructive practice.

MAC, an international non-profit organization, is involved in conservation of coral reefs and other marine ecosystems by creating standards and certifications for those engaged in the collection and care of ornamental marine life.

According to MAC, the Philippines is in the "Coral Triangle," a global center of coral reef biodiversity with an estimated 2,000 species of fish and 500 species of corals.

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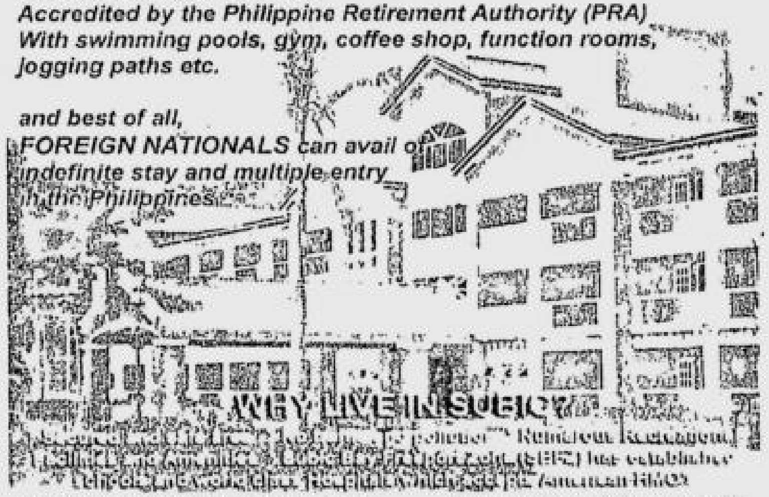

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Used oil dumping in Pagadian unchecked

PAGADIAN CITY—THE DUMPING of used oil by marine vessels in the coastal waters of Sta. Lucia village, particularly the wharf, has been causing great concerns among residents, an official said.

Fernandito Mondarte, Sta. Lucia village chief, said if left unchecked, the practice could pollute the sea and would kill corals and marine life.

Mondarte said the used oil comes from big and small fishing vessels, which are being repaired near the wharf.

Mondarte said they already called the attention of city officials so the practice would be stopped.

He said unless the dumping is put to a stop, one of the city's main sources of livelihood would be endangered.

"We should act now to save our sea. The owners of these fishing vessels are unmindful of the damage caused by the oil spill from their boats," said Mondarte.

Aside from used oil, Mondarte said boatmen would also throw their used battery fluid into the sea.

"There must be an ordinance prohibiting vessel owners against throwing their wastes in the sea because it can damage marine ecosystem and more so, there are people swimming in that area," he said.

Other threats to waters here, according to Mondarte, include the practice of residents of defecating in beaches and seawalls.

"It is causing us so much worry because the sea is our source of life and livelihood. It must be protected from being polluted," Mondarte said. *Michael Sarcauga, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

8,000 rally in Legazpi to back unseated mayor

LEGAZPI CITY—SOME 8,000 RESIDENTS of this city took part in a rally to protest a Commission on Elections decision removing Noel Rosal as the city mayor and replacing him with his closest rival, Michael Victor Imperial.

The protesters carried streamers assailing the Comelec for "killing... democracy... and wasting the votes of the people of Legazpi."

Other streamers said Comelec was bribed to rule in favor of Imperial.

"We are not in favor of the Comelec decision. I was a poll watcher during the elections and there was no fraud that happened. We cannot accept this because we believe that this is the modus operandi of the Comelec. Time will come when the people will lose their trust on the Comelec and no longer vote," Rosita Ajero, a resident of Barangay Binanuahan, said.

Legazpi City Vice Mayor Jess Rico Salazar expressed disappointment, saying the Comelec, in coming up with its decision, did not even check the results of the elections.

"The mandate of the people should not be changed. You will see in this protest that the masses are enraged. I am glad that the people of Legazpi are not nonchalant about the Comelec's violation of their rights as voters," Salazar said.

He also said the Comelec's decision was unfair because it did not allow evidence to be presented.

"We have to change those people in the Comelec who make the institution less credible," the vice mayor added.

In his speech, Rosal tagged accusations that he cheated during the elections as "irresponsible."

"If you want to be a leader, you have to learn to accept defeat," he quipped.

The mayor also said it was not manageable for him to cheat the 14,000 votes declared invalid by the Comelec.

"I hope that as I file an appeal to the Supreme Court, it will be enlightened by giving the teachers a chance to present the true picture," Rosal said.

The teachers have claimed that their signatures on the election returns in the hands of the Comelec were faked and that the Comelec did not allow them to air their side.

After Rosal's speech, a retired teacher ran to him crying.

At least 70 members of the Legazpi City Public School Teachers and Employees Association Inc. (Leciptea) participated in the protest rally.

The Comelec en banc ruling was made on a pre-proclamation protest filed by Imperial against Rosal questioning the results in 520 voting precincts, citing alleged various irregularities. *Ephraim Aguilar, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

MEDICard - McDonald's Signing

McDonald's Philippines (Golden Arches Dev't. Corp.), recently signed the renewal of its healthcare agreement with MEDICard Philippines. (seated L-R) MEDICard's Luis S. Montoya (EVP & GM) and Dr. Nicanor D. Montoya (President) with McDonald's Romeo B. Bachoco (SVP-CFO) and Chona L. Torre (VP- Human Capital Grp., Office Services & Security). (standing L-R) MEDICard's Dr. Voltaire R. Victoria (Sales & Business Dev't. Mngr.), Miriam Villafuerte (Mktg. Services. Mngr.) and Imelda Villegas (Acct. Officer) with McDonald's Joan Manalo (Mngr., Benefits and Admin.). McDonald's has been a valued MEDICard corporate client since 2003.
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Cops say guns a way of life in Tawi-Tawi

KAHIT SA PAGTULOG KO KATABI KO ITO !

TAWI-TAWI—RESIDENTS of this province could not live without their firearms because these are necessary for their survival, a ranking police officer said.

Senior Supt. Imlani Anni, provincial police chief, said "every household, especially those along the shorelines owns firearms."

"But their guns are not being used for illegal activities," Anni said.

He said firearms have become a basic tool for residents to ward off attacks by pirates or other "lawless groups that occasionally harass their communities."

Anni admitted that the police have not confiscated the firearms because it could not always provide protection to the residents.

Tawi-Tawi is composed of many islands, making it difficult for the police to implement an effective security plan.

Anni said armed villagers were drafted into the community defense system to boost the security of residents.

The system, he said, also helps the police to easily find out who uses their firearms for disputes.

"If there is trouble between two families, we could easily run after those responsible," he said.

The proliferation of loose firearms is one of the identified causes of violence here and in other areas of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

In Jolo, Sulu, Senior Supt. Ahirum Ajirim, provincial police chief, said guns have always been involved in violence that occur in the island-province.

"This place is still booming with guns. Where there are guns, there are crimes," Ajirim told the INQUIRER.

He said that from May 22 until the end of the month, at least 13 people have already died of gun-related attacks in Sulu.

Ajirim said almost half of the total population of Sulu owns a gun or two. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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East Visayas needs 264 more teachers

By Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—THE DEPARTMENT OF Education in Eastern Visayas reported that the region needs at least 264 new teachers to meet the expected increase of the number of students in public high schools.

Belen Hipe, chief of the planning division of the regional DepEd, however, said with no funds allocated to hire more teachers for the region, DepEd has to devise schemes to fill the shortage.

She said one option would be for local government units in the region to fund the salaries of the teachers where permanent items are not available.

Hipe said with the shortfall of teachers in the region, the quality of education would suffer as one teacher would have to handle a class of 47 to 63 students.

Last school year, about 242,890 students enrolled in 374 high schools in Eastern Visayas. The DepEd expects a 10-percent increase in enrollment this school year.

Hipe said the shortage of teachers in the elementary level is not as big, as the entire region only needs at least 24 new elementary teachers. The region has 21,011 teachers in 3,574 elementary schools.

Last school year, 655,362 pupils were enrolled in public elementary schools in Eastern Visayas.

Based on DepEd records, Northern Samar would need this school year at least 89 new teachers.

The province currently has 889 high school teachers for 33,108 students.

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A woman and her son walk to a free clinic recently set up by the Philippine Army and US soldiers in a remote village of Jolo known to be a lair of the Abu Sayyaf.

Teachers told: Rooms are not key to education

BAGUIO CITY—AN OFFICIAL OF A CENTER advocating alternative learning styles said President Macapagal-Arroyo is too bothered over school infrastructure when the real crisis in the education system is quality teaching.

Henry Tenedero, president of the Philippine Center for Learning and Teaching Styles, said it was too bad Ms Arroyo flared up when she disputed the latest statistics about classroom shortage.

Tenedero said fixing the already outdated classroom teaching method is the key to improving education in the country.

On Thursday at the Teachers' Camp here, the center began lecturing 700 elementary, high school and university teachers about improvisational teaching approaches so they could deal with the shortage of classrooms.

"Learning does not necessarily happen within the four-walls of the classroom," Tenedero told the teachers.

Albert Saldajeno Jr., who promotes the use of theater and comedy for teaching, said the government has to accept the fact that putting 100 pupils inside one classroom is a given because of the country's poor economy and poverty, but "it should not be an excuse for bad education."

Ms Arroyo was caught on camera berating acting Education Secretary Fe Hidalgo for declaring a shortfall of 6,832 classrooms because it was computed against a teacher-to-pupil ratio that did not conform with her figures.

Some teachers in the provinces supported Hidalgo's findings.

Lasting lessons

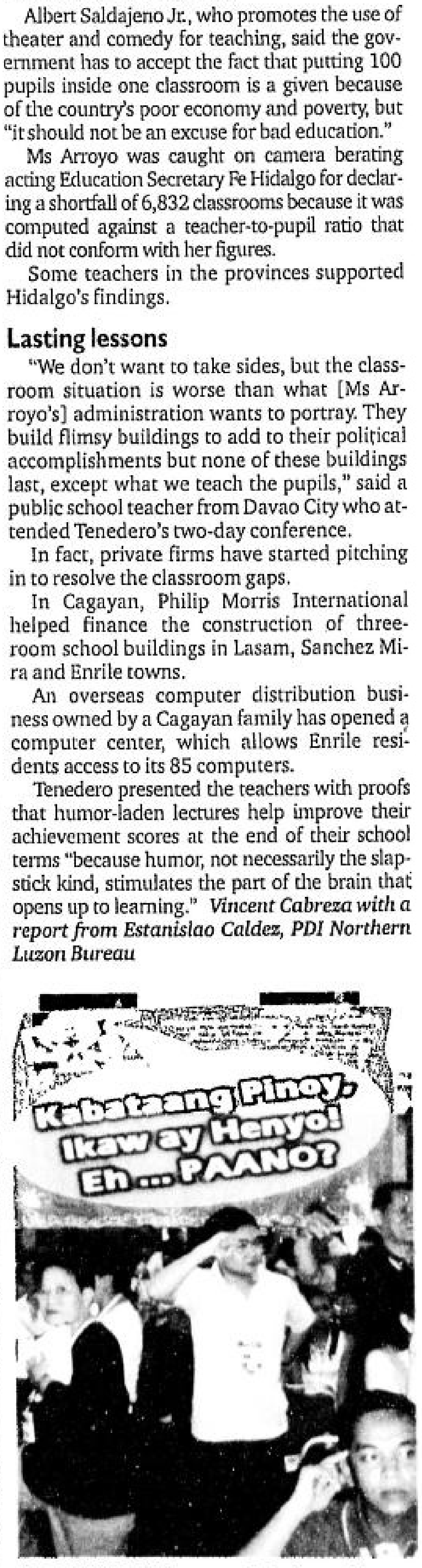
"We don't want to take sides, but the classroom situation is worse than what [Ms Arroyo's] administration wants to portray. They build flimsy buildings to add to their political accomplishments but none of these buildings last, except what we teach the pupils," said a public school teacher from Davao City who attended Tenedero's two-day conference.

In fact, private firms have started pitching in to resolve the classroom gaps.

In Cagayan, Philip Morris International helped finance the construction of three-room school buildings in Lasam, Sanchez Mira and Enrile towns.

An overseas computer distribution business owned by a Cagayan family has opened a computer center, which allows Enrile residents access to its 85 computers.

Tenedero presented the teachers with proofs that humor-laden lectures help improve their achievement scores at the end of their school terms "because humor, not necessarily the slapstick kind, stimulates the part of the brain that opens up to learning." *Vincent Cabreza with a report from Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*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Ikaw ay Henyo!
Eh ... PAANO?

A CONFERENCE on creativity in teaching was held in Baguio City with one lesson for teachers—quality education is not in infrastructure, but in teaching methods.
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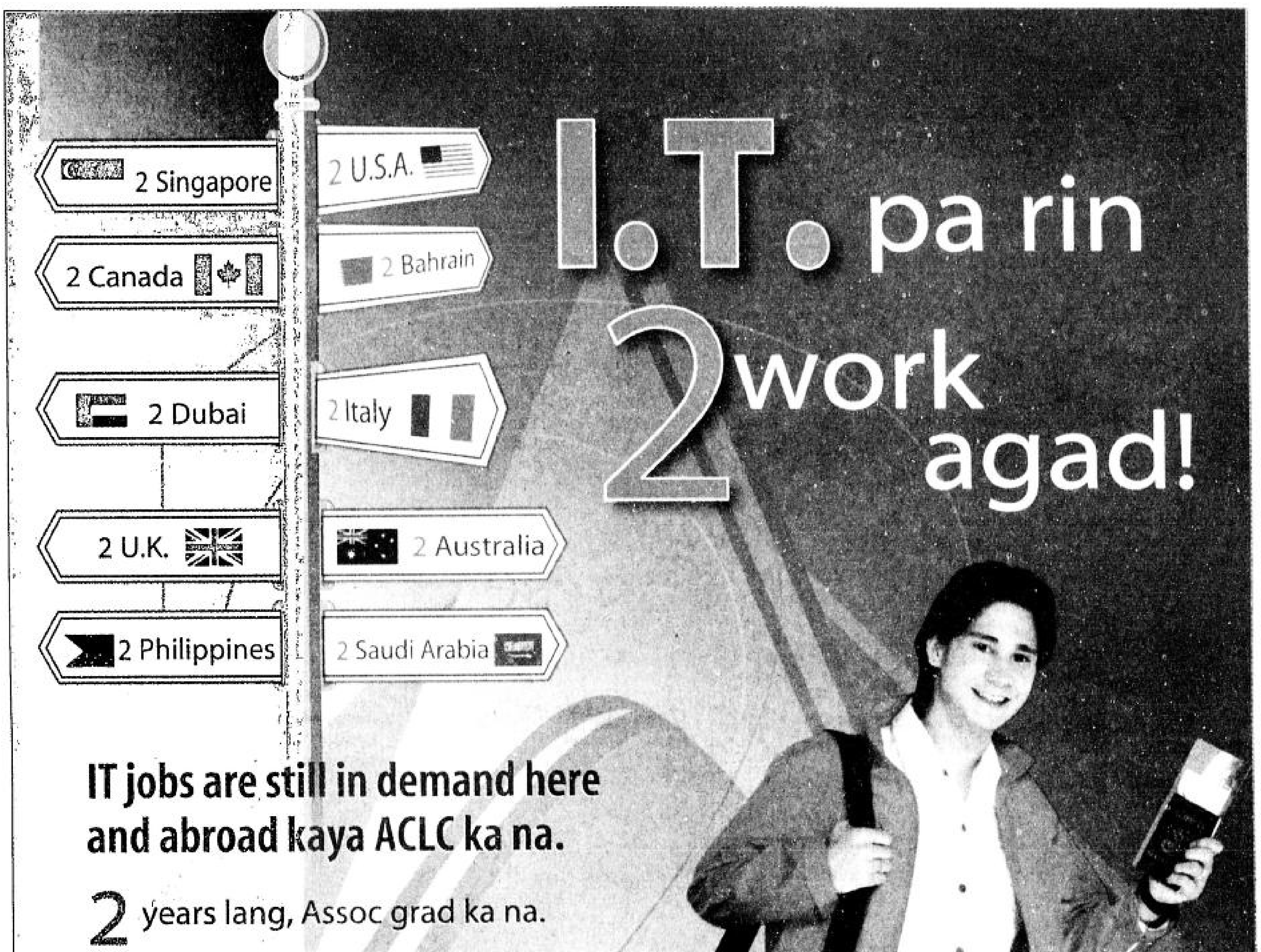

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Vendor by day, teacher by night

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Patikul, Sulu

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HAMMIDI with her only son Faizer in Danag, Patikul
JULIE S. ALIPALA

JUST WHEN EVERYONE WAS giving up homes and hopes, a small toothless woman with a huge dream started teaching her people how to regain the rights they lost to war six years ago.

Dakag Hasim Hammidi, 27, a Tausug mother, supports her family by vending during the day and educating elders at night.

"I want to help my people. I want to teach and show to my people that we have a right to live in our own place," said Hammidi, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree at the Notre Dame College of Jolo.

"I want to do something for my people, but I have to start somewhere and my only tool is my diploma," she added.

Fruits and vegetables

In the morning, Hammidi moves around Barangay Danag in Patikul, Sulu to buy fresh fruits and vegetables from neighbors and even reaching as far as downtown Jolo for basic commodities, such as sardines, noodles, rice, milk, dried fish and sweets for her small *sari-sari* store.

"If we have fresh harvests, like *chayote*, I also move around and sell these to our neighbors, while my husband does the domestic chores," she said.

"I wash our clothes, feed our son. My wife no longer has time for us. She loves to spend her time with the elders," her husband Sarahadil said.

"She is not just a vendor and a teacher, she also goes around attending to the health needs of our people. She's a barangay health worker," he added.

At 6 p.m., Hammidi closes her makeshift store and starts to prepare her lesson plan for the 7-9 p.m. class of 35 elderly residents, most of them farmers.

From a worn-out, sleeveless blouse and "*puruntong*" pants, Hammidi dresses up in a "respectable" collared blouse and skirt.

Hope

Hammidi's selfless commitment for ordinary elderly farmers and housewives illuminates hope and inspiration.

Lt. Col. Martin Pinto, head of the 7th Marine Battalion Landing Team, said he admired the woman's dedication and determination to her own people.

"Just imagine, she started teaching old folks two years ago, under her house. A coop for chickens is a better place. But she keeps on doing that until now without receiving anything. That's why we decided to help her, even by just providing books," Pinto said in mixed Filipino and English.

The Marine unit had sought funding from the provincial government and built a classroom that can accommodate 45 to 50 students. The assistance came with 50 armchairs and two blackboards.

Pinto, who earlier helped put up a water system to serve four barangays, said Hammidi "is a rare find for Patikul, just an ordinary woman who gives herself unselfishly to inspire others."

"She inspires us. We thought we were already hopeless. Knowing ABC in Tausug taught me to be more assertive," said Buh Iddang, 60, who always finds time to listen to her nightly lectures at the Adult Literacy Learning Center.

Tahiron Hami, 45, a vegetable farmer, agreed. Adult literacy taught him how to count actual earnings from his harvest.

"Before, I didn't know how many kilos there were in a sack of string beans or *chayote*. When the vegetables were delivered to Jolo and I got P500 from the trader, that was OK for me," Hami said in Filipino.

He realized that local businessmen were taking advantage of his ignorance. A sack of *chayote* is about 35 kilos and a kilo at market price is P15 to P20.

Every harvest, Hami fills 10 to 15 sacks with vegetables. "They were shortchanging me from the weight," he said.

With Hammidi's intervention two years ago, Hami revealed that "people from Danag no longer leave for Cotabato or Cebu."

Buh Iddang loves to spend her time at the center. "It's like socialization for all of us," she said. "After a hard day of toiling, we joke, we laugh and we share gossips, and all of us are old people."

Hammidi handled 40 students last year. This time, she has 35 students.

"Everything is free except, of course, their notebooks, pens and pencils, which they purchase," said Hammidi.

For all her work, Hammidi only receives praises from the elders and an occasional basket of fresh fruits or chicken.

"My only dream is to see my people, especially those labeled illiterate, to learn something so that they won't be taken advantage of," she said.

"Even during elections, they won't be simply influenced," she said. "Before, they just left their thumb marks. Now, I am confident that they will be able to write their names on the ballots."

Muslim Mindanao's past and present

By Nash B. Maulana
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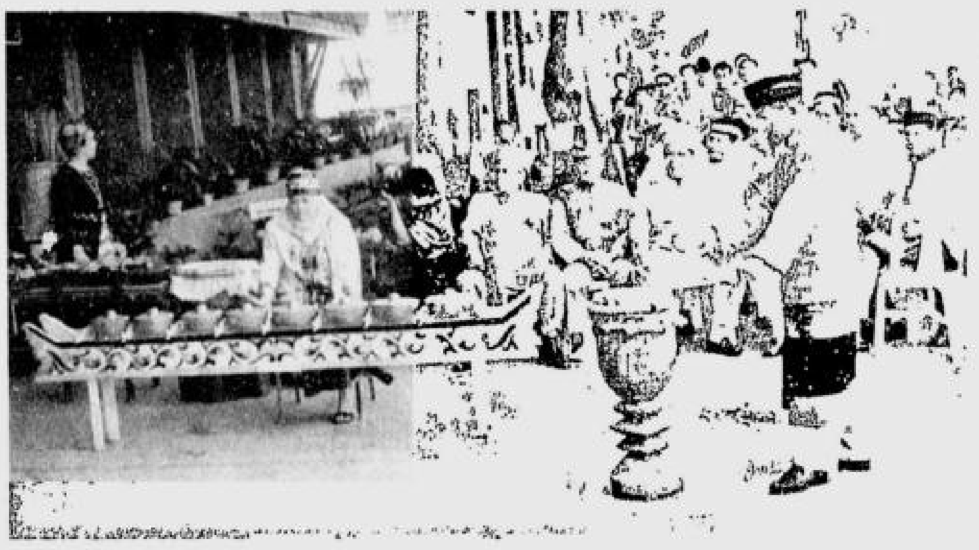


FOLK dances and music from the native "kulintang" ensemble were presented during the National Heritage Month at the Mindanao State University last May.

LOOKING BACK AT ONE'S ORIGin could reveal things unpleasant to some and a source of social pride to others, so say modern-day genealogists.

Weeks or even months of reading the Tarsilan (genealogy), which is written in old Malay scripts, has been the latest addition to the menu in most Muslim households in Mindanao these days.

Oral historians and genealogists helping build peace in conflict-ridden Muslim Mindanao have emphasized Dr. Jose Rizal's adage for today's offspring of erstwhile sultanates: "He who doesn't look back to where he comes from cannot reach his destination."

In Marawi City, the observance of the National Heritage Month (May 1-31), declared by President Macapagal-Arroyo under Proclamation No. 439, was colorful.

At the Mindanao State University (MSU), administrative offices showcased modern decorative items, antiquated betel nut brass cases and Maranao weapons—trying to outdo one another with authentic Maranao arts.

> The old book that is the Tarsilan, traces the blood lineages of the sultans, their siblings, immediate family and offspring and relatives, and former dominion

Rizal as Malay hero

Dr. Salipada Tamano, a specialist in Malay culture and tradition, traces Rizal's roots to 17th-century Sultan Saiful Rijal of Brunei. Simply, he is unconvinced that Rizal would take his surname from a leaf or flower of a plant species when the government order then was to Hispanize Pinoy surnames.

The fact that Malaysia honors Rizal as one of the greatest heroes of the Malay race provides added hint to traces of his great, great ancestors, Tamano says.

A royal letter from Maguindanao addresses Marawi Mayor Omar "Solitario" Ali as a direct descendant of Sultan Sa Ranao a Bato Ali and of the Four Pillars or Pat a Pangampong a Ranao.

Maranao Muslims are more lenient to honorary royal appointments of non-Maranaos, owing to what one may call their "natural diplomacy" toward other faiths, nations and tribes. And this explains honorary titles accorded non-Maranaos, including that of MSU president, Dr. Ricardo de Leon, a native of Pangasinan (remember the legendary Princess Urduja), as MSU sultan.

But the more stringent Maguindanao also has its share of titles given to members of northern tribes (then considered "foreigners" or *saluang*), such as the Visayan finance minister, Datu Sabelmal, during the reign of 18th-century Sultan Muhammad Barahaman.

Datu Dacula VI, one of the traditional Four Pillars Maguindanao Sultanate's appointing authority, also named a Protestant Christian, Macario Bugao as Datu Mangoda sa Palaw.

Mayor Ali was said to have declined the title of sultan. For his part, Maguindanao Gov. Datu Andal Ampatuan Sr. offered his explanation of the elaborate traditional qualifications of one who should occupy the throne of the sultanate, of which he is apparently uninterested.

Contemporary leaders

Early this month, Ampatuan, 70, led members of his clan in paying tribute to their patriarch, his grandfather Shariff Ampatuan, at the site of the old tomb in Ampatuan, Maguindanao.

Among the distinguished members of the family, conspicuously absent from the huge gathering on May 10 was Gov. Zaldy Uy Ampatuan of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, who accompanied the President in her state visit to Saudi Arabia.

Governor Ampatuan and his nephews, Maguindanao Rep. Simeon Datumanong and Secretary Zamzamin Ampatuan of the National Anti-Poverty Commission, presented to other clan members a plan to develop the periphery of the tomb into a memorial park.

The shariffs are descendants of the prophets from the old kingdom of Hijaz in what is now Saudi Arabia. Among them were divided the structure of governing powers: religion, trade and politics.

Lanao and the Sulu Archipelago inherited much of trade and politics, while Maguindanao reaped the seeds of religion and political powers more than trade. (During the time of Sultan Hijaban Mastura Qudratulla, Maguindanao was an international port of call until the end of the 19th century).

The sultans are direct descendants of Shariff Kabungsuan who wielded political power over Cotabato and Lanao areas. His older brother, Shariff Makdum, had his sphere of trade, religious and political influence over Sulu.

Their nephew, Shariff Saidona Mustapha, the ancestor of the Ampatuans, Buisans and Masukats in Maguindanao, had focused on religious affairs.

Rescue

Together with his cousin and brother in-law Shariff Buisan, the patriarch Shariff Ampatuan killed Spanish Maetro de Campo Esteban Villaron in 1898 in a bloody rescue of female relatives who were said to have been subjected to compelling working conditions at the Tamontaka Spanish Embassy in what is now Cotabato City.

The old book that is the Tarsilan, traces the blood lineages of the sultans, their siblings, immediate family and offspring and relatives, and former dominion that may somehow constitute the elusive "Moro ancestral domain" claim in the ongoing peace negotiations between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Also, the Tarsilan records marriages that bridged peace among the ruling classes, as well as marital unions that led to wars.

For instance, a farewell meeting between Sultan Tambilawan Bayao of Buayan (Cotabato Upriver Valley) and Spanish Maetro de Campo Fernandez in 1899 was written in blood—quite literally in an annotation to the Tarsilan by Prof. Wardaton Fernandez Sulaiman, himself crowned Sultan of Makatoriganen, an old subdominion of Rajah Buayan in the Cotabato Upriver Valley, on May 1.

According to Sulaiman, Fernandez and Tambilawan had an unwritten covenant in a gesture of peace that if the sultan's child was a boy, he was to be named Fernandez; if it was a girl, she was to be the namesake of Fernandez's wife Maria.

Seventy-year-old Datu Dimasonsang Fernandez, grandson of Tambilawan by his son Tato Fernandez, was crowned Sultan Datu Dimasonsang Fernandez Tambilawan Bayao II on May 1. The sultan's children, nephews and nieces and their children all bear the Spanish surname Fernandez.

Sultan Dimasonsang's son, Datu Jo Fernandez, was also enthroned as his Rajah Muda or deputy. Datu Jo's wife and first cousin, Teresita Fernandez Dilangalen-Fernandez is Labi Dalumabi sa Buayan.

The new sultan was made to wear a two-century-old, hand-sewn vest jacket in gold color worn by the grandfather of his grandfather, Sultan Maitem of Buayan, in his battles against the Spaniards.

Tambilawan's own brother, Rajah Muda Datu Ali, died fighting American colonial forces in 1903. And so were Jakiri of Sulu and Amai Pakpak of Lanao.

In much earlier events, Rajah Balatamay, the defense minister of Maguindanao's Sultan Muhammad Dipatuan Kudarat, married Pangian Ampay, the daughter of Sulu's Sultan Muwalil Wasit Bungsu I, who had made a vow to get their first-born, his first grandchild, to succeed him in the throne.

Rajah Balatamay's story is one of the finest in the glorious years of the sultanates.

Balatamay, who was from Buayan (Cotabato Upriver Valley) and Maguindanao (then comprising most of Mindanao), was exiled to Sulu after he killed Spanish Ambassador Melchor Lopez, a co-signatory of Sultan Kudarat to a Spain-Maguindanao Treaty ceding parts of Mindanao to Spanish claims on Islas Pilipinas in 1645.

His close friend Wasit gave Balatamay the highest defense post of the Sulu sultanate and subsequently sent him to Brunei to lead the combined reinforcement of Maguindanao and Sulu. He was to help Brunei's Sultan Saiful Rijal quell a rebellion mounted in his kingdom by Visayan settlers.

It was said that the triumphant defense of the Brunei sultanate prompted Rijal to reward the sultanate of Sulu with his government's property in North Borneo, the Sabah territory (which Malaysia, declaring independence from Britain, annexed in 1961), while the sultanate of Maguindanao was given a territory in Ternate in what is now Indonesia.

Blood evidence

Kudarat's annexation of Ternate having been rewarded his sultanate bears blood evidence in his descendants among the Diocolano family in Maguindanao, whose matriarch was the princess of Ternate.

Returning to Sulu after almost two decades in the Brunei war, Balatamay learned that his father-in-law was determined to enthrone his child by the Sulu princess even if the child turned out to be a girl.

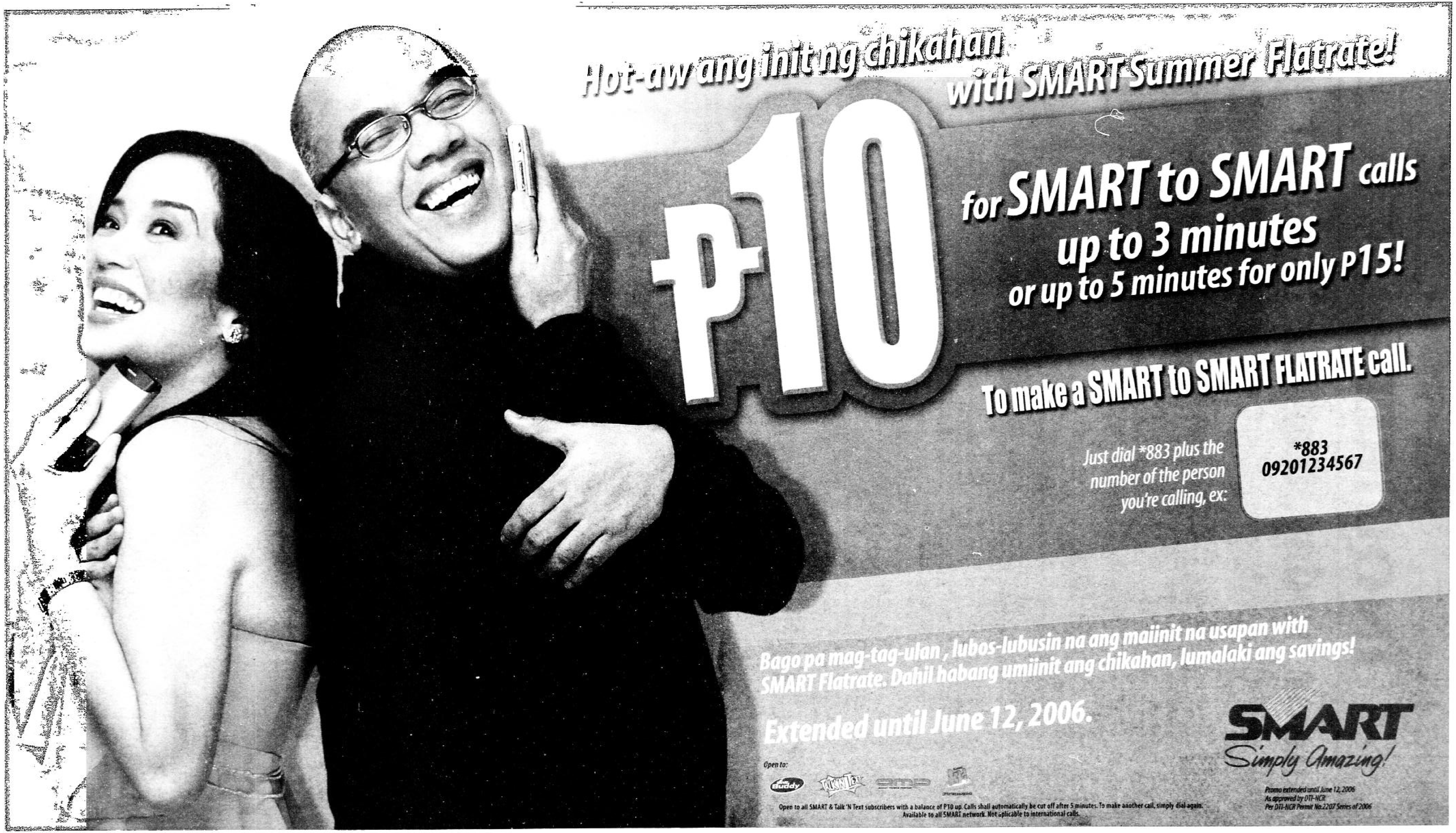
Balatamay declined to anoint his young daughter to reign over Sulu as Pangian Ampay Putri Kabira after her grandfather. (Pangian is the feminine title equivalent to the masculine sultan).

The son-in-law's opposition prompted the Sulu sultan to call for bloodshed in a gladiators' fight of sorts: should there be none to take the challenge of the sultan to fight his hardest fighting warrior, then it would become a one-on-one fight between the father-in-law and the son-in-law—a kind of only one wish, yours or mine, should prevail.

Datu M'gkap of Buayan took up the cudgel for Balatamay and won over the Sulu warrior. But still, Balatmay submitted to his father-in-law, who still had ultimate power to decide over the affairs of Sulu. Some historians say the ascension to power of Pangian Ampay Putri Kabira remains an unresolved case to this day in the Sulu sultanate's council, the Ruma Bichara.

Of dominion, Kudarat reigned over most of Mindanao, ceding only the Caraga and a small parcel of land in Tamontaka in what is now Cotabato City for an Iglesia y Embajada de España under the 1645 Lopez-Kudarat Treaty. In the document, he was alternatively referred to by Spain as the King of Mindanao.

Before Kudarat was his uncle Rajah Silongan, who ruled over most of what is now Sultan Kudarat, South Cotabato and part of Maguindanao.



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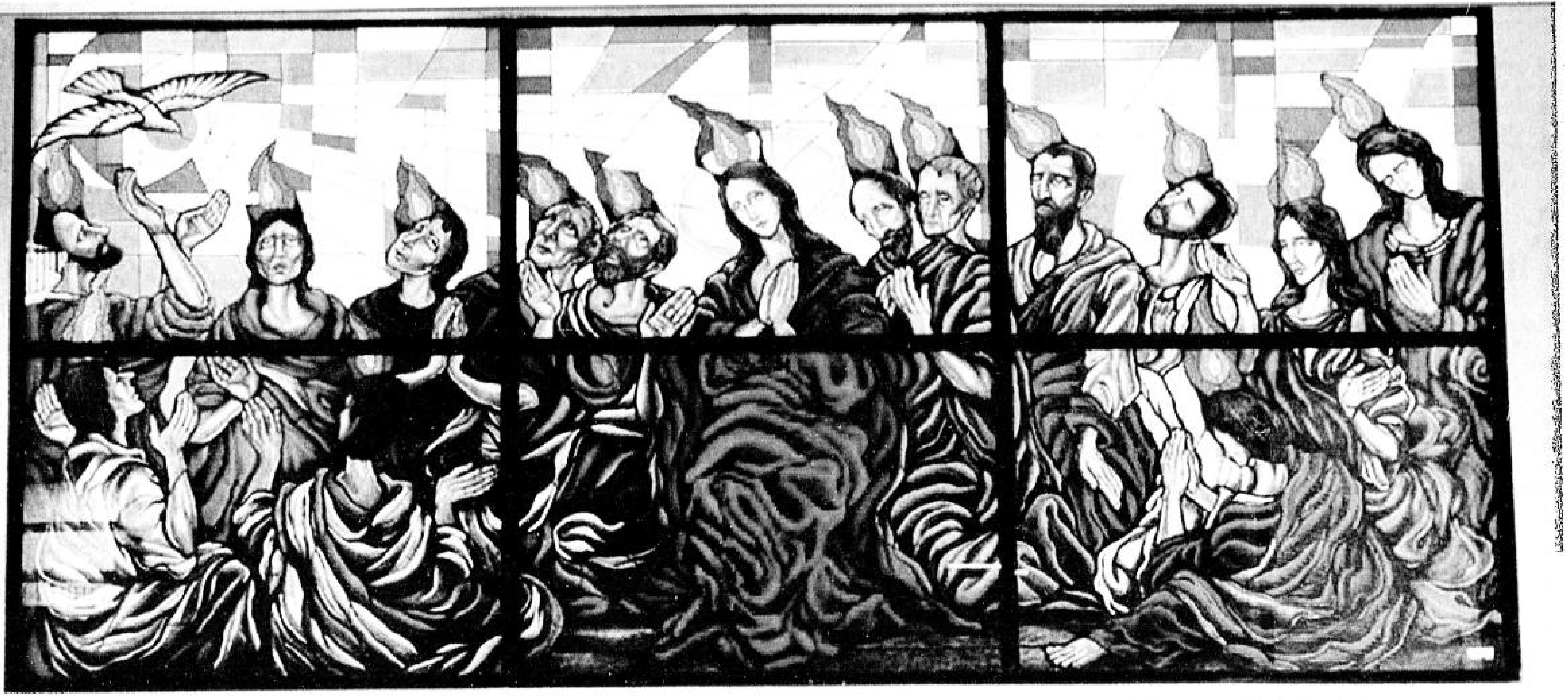

ONE OF THE CHURCH'S three stained glass windows. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Faith and the story of a parish church

Personal sacrifices from volunteers helped build new chapel in QC

By Tessa Mangahas
Contributor

A CHILD TOOK MONEY OUT OF his piggy bank while a *kasambahay* set aside part of her lotto winnings. A couple decided to forego their plans to hold a grand celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. A cancer-stricken woman put up her paintings for auction as another couple postponed their annual trip abroad. Even poor people from the "areas" wove palm fronds and made *parols* for free late into the night.

These were just some of the personal sacrifices parishioners made to pave the way for the construction of the Our Lady of Pentecost Parish Church in Loyola Heights, Quezon City.

But the giving streak was not there at the beginning. Ask Fr. Steve Zabala, the community's parish priest. Father Steve recalled, "The community was unprepared, and in truth, even the parish priest was not ready." In 1999, he was uprooted from his parish in Silangan, Quezon City. The reluctance and unreadiness of a community that bore strong bonds to their former parish, the Santa Maria Della Strada, jarred him.

That was not all. The community had no place where they could conduct liturgical and pastoral activities. Worse, they had no money to spend on a parish. They didn't even have a convent. Fr. Steve became a bed spacer in his own community. He said Masses in a chapel by a creek, a barangay basketball court, and a garage—any place where he could gather the people.

Community before parish

Some parishioners wanted to start raising funds right away to build a church. But Father Steve felt that building a community, not the church edifice, should be the priority. "We did not become a parish to build a church," he said. "We became a parish because first of all, we are a community."

The succeeding years became a test of faith for the fledgling community. They continued to hold liturgical services amidst the scorching heat, howling winds and rising floodwaters in the creek-side chapel. Priests who said Masses were attacked by ants as they said Mass from a makeshift altar in a shed. Volunteers stayed up late planning pastoral programs in any available home.

THE FAÇADE of Our Lady of Pentecost Parish Church.

First piece of property

In 2002, almost four years after the parish was formed, the community was able to buy its first piece of property—a house at the corner of F. Dela Rosa and C. Salvador Streets in Varsity Hills that was converted into a "sala chapel," parish office and convent. This was the turning point. Admittedly, it was still a very humble niche, but it was an improvement. Finally, the community no longer felt like transients. It was here that dedicated volunteers, with the spirit of magi, vigorously continued pastoral programs. Spurred on by a passion to do more, volunteers started raising funds for the construction of a church.

By March 2003, the parish had bought the land in front of the chapel—the future site of their church. On Sept. 8, 2004, groundbreaking took place, an occasion that meant funds had to keep flowing in to sustain construction. The flame of giving, however, after being ignited, blazed unceasingly. Each fund-raising was welcomed by an overwhelming response. The Metro Sagrado para kay Kristo in 2002 brought in the P21 million

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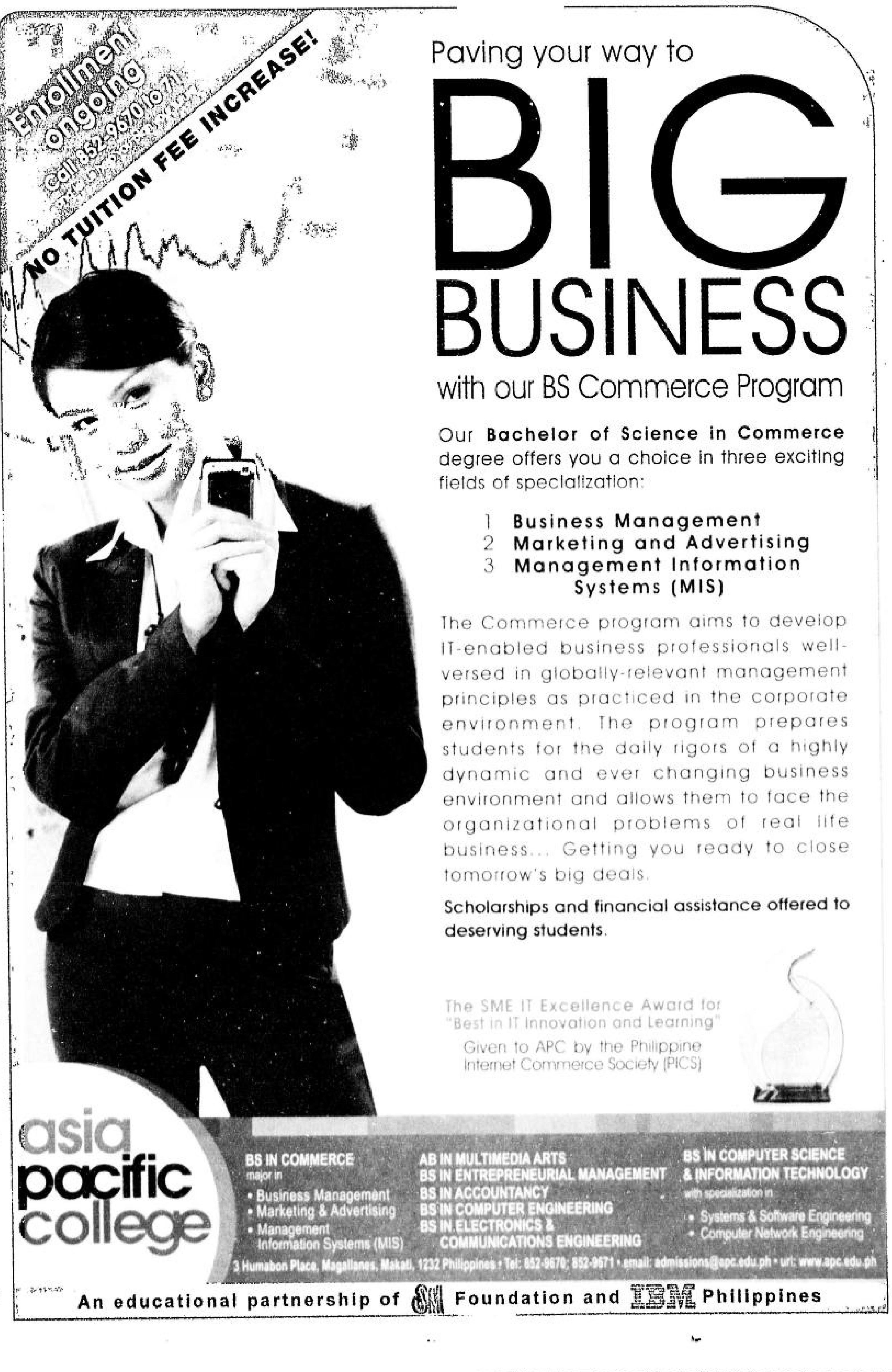
THE ADORATION Chapel designed by Gerry Esquivel is dedicated to the memory of Pope John Paul II.



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19 'traffic problem' zones named

By Jocelyn R. Uy

TRAFFIC ENFORCERS WILL BE BUSY trying to keep vehicular flow moving smoothly in 19 traffic-prone areas in the metropolis when classes open tomorrow.

The "traffic problem" zones are located near schools, according to the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

These areas were identified as Caniogan and Malinao, both in Pasig City; Ortigas Avenue near Xavier School and De La Salle Greenhills; Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City; Taft Avenue from Pablo Ocampo Street (formerly Vito Cruz) to Gil Puyat Avenue (formerly Buendia); Leon Guinto Street and the stretch of España from Claro M. Recto and Mendiola.

More in the south, QC

Also on the list are Gil Puyat Avenue in Pasay City; Chino Roces Avenue (formerly Pasong Tamo) and J. P. Rizal Street in Makati City; Kabihasnan Road in Parañaque City; Alabang-Zapote Road in Las Piñas and Muntinlupa; Montillano Street near the Alabang Viaduct, also in Muntinlupa and the East Service Road of the South Luzon Expressway going to Taguig City.

Heavy traffic is also expected on Ermin Garcia Street corner Edsa in Cubao, Quezon City, Aurora Boulevard corner Annapolis Street; and the intersections of Tandang Sora, Katipunan and Commonwealth Avenues.

More personnel

Senior Supt. Eduardo Desquitado, chief of the Traffic Enforcement Group, said they will deploy more personnel to these areas to ensure smooth vehicular flow when schools reopen.

He added that they have also been closely coordinating with local government units and nongovernment agencies to rid school zones and thoroughfares leading to schools of illegal terminals and parking lots.

Desquitado said he has ordered his men to clear of vendors all waiting sheds, pedestrian lanes and pathways leading to schools to enable students to get to their classes quickly.

MMDA personnel have also been busy removing obstructions on roads, sidewalks and intersections in the past few weeks, he added.

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needed to buy the church site.

Project 848 raised P8 million in just four months to complete the shell. Last year, DOTS for My Church raked in the P17 million in pledges needed to complete the church. Apat Dapat this year raised more than P3 million to finance the additional costs of construction. The spirit of giving prompted the Public Relations Society of the Philippines to give the parish this year an Anvil Award of Merit "for promoting a culture of giving."

People of Pentecost

The sense of communion and generosity trickled down even to the construction team that designed and built the parish church. They too, became people of the Pentecost spirit. Architect Veepee Pinpin's design is spare, but not lacking in grace. He said, "Churches as prayerful places, spiritual spaces should be designed in such a way that as you enter, there should be nothing else to distract you from focusing your energies, feelings, too." Veepee's design has the altar set against a plain beige background that complements the central element—the Cross and altar of sacrifice and Word.

Juan Sajid Imao, a sculptor of Muslim parentage, molded the rock icons of the Our Lady of Pentecost and apostles in the Adoration Chapel as well as those on the basalt altar. Despite his failing eyesight, he also etched "seven flames" representing the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the lectern. He admitted that the original designs were not always the final product because these evolved as he learned more about the community, "I listened to Father Steve's stories of community and simply allowed the chalk and the work to come out in my artistic expression. It was spontaneous."

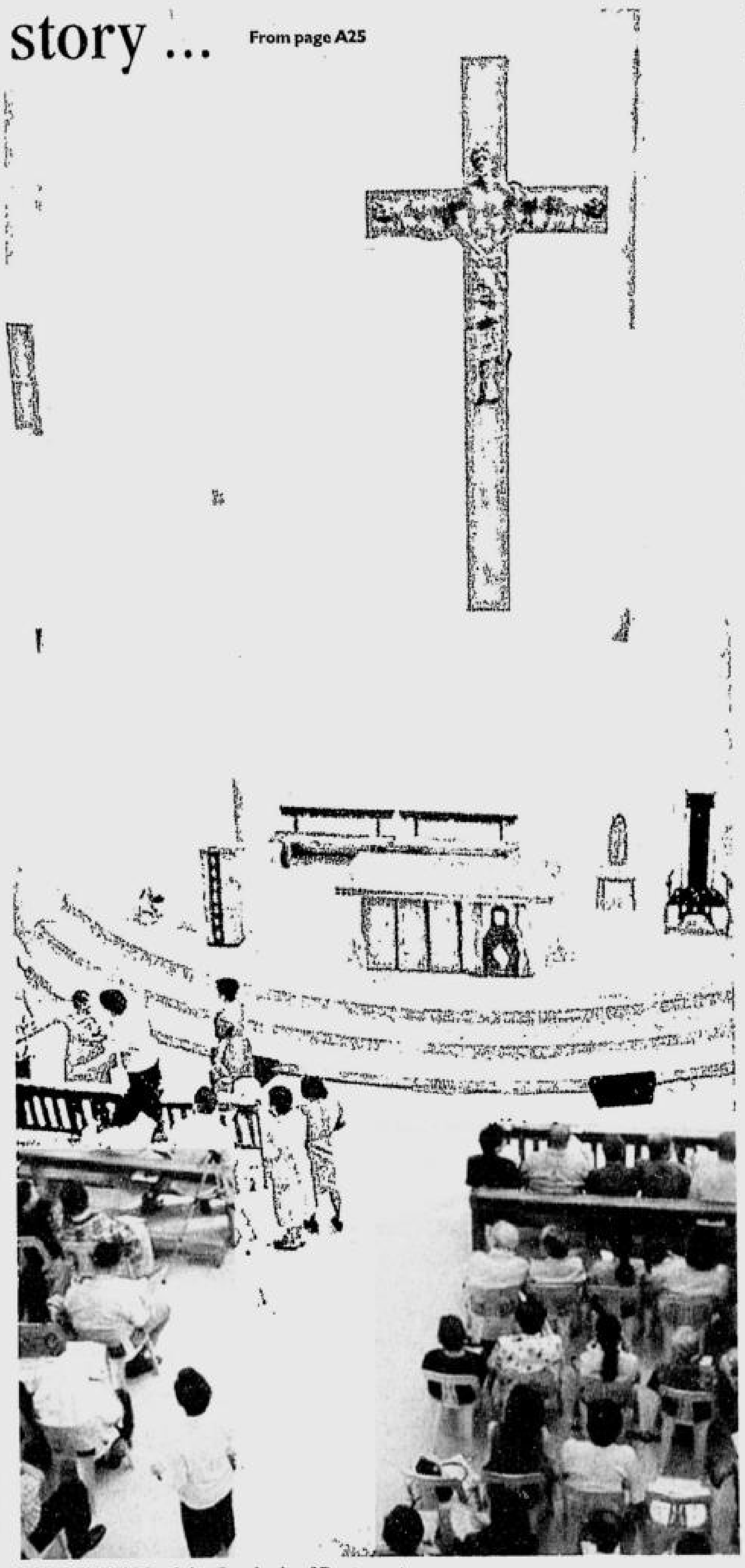
Dean Napoleon Abueva, National Artist for Sculpture, designed the massive altar cross. The head is raised and the burial cloth is falling off the corpus to evoke the triumph of Easter over the mourning of Good Friday.

Agi Pagkatipunan had to visit the church first before he could finish the candle stands as well as the altar chairs, including one for the presider.

Simple lines

"*Naramdaman kong magaan pagkakita ko sa simbahan kasi simple ang linya. Yung simbahan, di tradisyonal, moderno, simple na puro linya*" (I felt lighthearted when I saw the church because the lines were simple. The church was not traditional or modern in design but simple) Agi said. Because of this, he decided to provide the aesthetic contrast to the simple lines of Veepee's architectural design by his intricate woodwork. He opted to use Philippine hardwood for the furniture to survive the wear and tear of daily church use. "*Ginamit ko ang matitigas na kahoy na* Philippine hardwood *na pwedeng sumabay sa pagtanda ng simbahan. Ang paggamit ng kahoy—may buhay tulad ng tao. Habang tumatakbo ang buhay, kahoy ay gumagalaw*," (I used Philippine hardwood which would last as the church aged. Wood has life, like people. As long as life goes on, wood lives). Agi added.

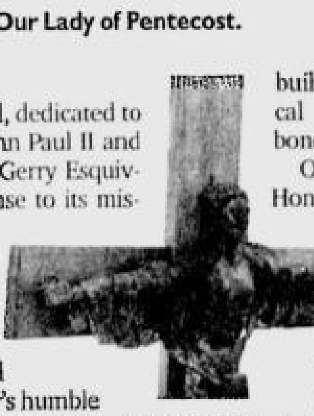
There are three stained glass windows in the church. All were executed by Kraut Glass under the supervision of Father Steve, Veepee and the stained glass designers. The one in the nave (congregation area) shows Our Lady with the apostles in the Upper Room when she received inspiration through tongues of fire. On top of the sanctuary, the stained glass shows seven flames descending from heaven to represent the gifts of the Holy Spirit. And on the second floor, the stained glass shows Mary, Mother of the Church, with her cloak embracing the community, bishops, the Pope and the laity.



THE INTERIOR of the Our Lady of Pentecost.

The Adoration Chapel, dedicated to the memory of Pope John Paul II and designed by contractor Gerry Esquivel, is the parish's response to its mission as a community in prayer. The icon of Our Lady is unobtrusive in the garden behind the glass partition. The low threshold reminds one of the Lady's humble "yes"—Fiat Voluntas Tua. The Stations of the Cross connect one with the world's suffering. A flame-shaped contour on the ceiling and on the floor remind one of the flames of the first Pentecost. Imao's rock sculptures of the 11 apostles' silhouettes makes one wonder where the 12th apostle is. It is the adorer in prayer.

The parish struggled to build their ties in five years. When they finally became a community, it took them only 15 months to build their parish church—the physical manifestation of their strong bond.



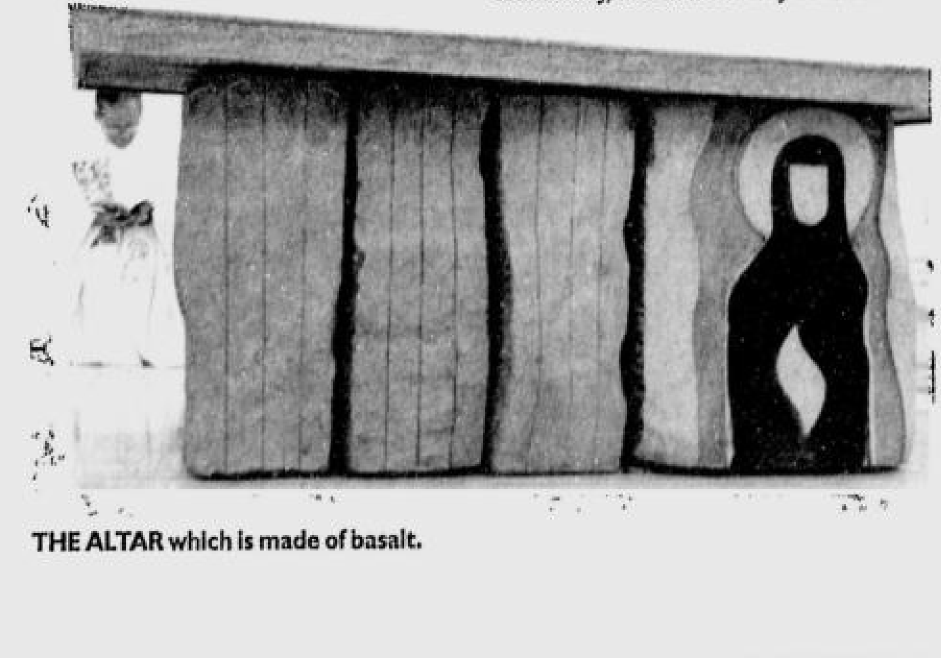
THE MASSIVE altar cross designed by National Artist Napoleon Abueva.

On Dec. 3, 2005, Cubao Bishop Honesto Ongtioco, together with Father Steve, led the dedication rites of the Our Lady of Pentecost. The three-tiered sacred space teemed with the faithful and the clergy. The liturgy was a moving experience even for visiting priests as the congregation reverberated with songs of praise.

When the parish celebrates its seventh fiesta this month, it hopes to launch a coffee table book titled "In This Place." The book will contain photographs of the church by renowned photographer Pancho Escaler, a parishioner. Other volunteers who chronicled the community's journey also donated photos. Lorna Kalaw-Tirol edited the text and Joanna Ruiz designed the book. Father Steve, this writer, Jojo and Ditsy Sumpaico and Stella Deriquito wrote the articles on the church architecture and the inspiring community stories.

Even if the parish church has been completed, the community building goes on. Father Steve mused, "There is no place, no space wide enough to hold the names of all who have helped and are still helping, in the endeavor to build a community." In a word broader than gratitude, he wrote in the book's foreword, "We give thanks to God for the gathering that this church is and will be. And for the community that has been gathered in the loving places of His heart."

(Interested buyers may call the OLP parish office at 9290665 or 4342397 for advance orders of "In This Place.")



THE ALTAR which is made of basalt.

Flowers to bloom at Hospicio

By Tina G. Santos

ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF THE HOSPICIO de San Jose in Manila may soon find comfort in a patch of green that environment advocates are planning to grow in the area.

"This will give the elderly a place to relax, a place to relieve stress and, at the same time, appreciate nature," said Regina Paterno, president of Winner Foundation, the caretaker of the Arroceros Forest Park.

Earlier this year, environmentalists planted trees on the grounds of the Hospicio, a shelter for abandoned children and the elderly.

More trees

Paterno said they plan to plant more fruit and hardwood trees, particularly along the Pasig River banks, to mask its foul odor.

The group's next project, however, is a garden full of flowering plants, which they want to share with the facility's aged residents.

"We also intend to create a vegetable patch in the area. This will also serve as a recreation for them if they want to plant vegetables," she said.

Fight goes on

Meanwhile, Paterno said they will continue to oppose the construction of the teachers' building inside the Arroceros Forest Park even though the facility has already been completed and is set to be inaugurated by the Manila city government soon.

Winner has been at loggerheads with the local government over the construction of the building which will serve as the headquarters of the city schools division.

The foundation, which sued the city government after it declared void Winner's contract to develop the Arroceros park, had argued before the court that constructing a building in the area would harm the trees and wildlife.

"Definitely, we're not giving up the fight. Our fight continues," Paterno said. She added that during a recent visit to the park, they found it full of construction debris.

The group had earlier complained that the park had become a dump.

Las Piñas prepares for quakes

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE LAS PIÑAS GOVERNMENT HAS mobilized the Local Disaster Coordinating Council (LDCC) to inspect old buildings in the city.

Mayor Imelda Aguilar ordered City Engineer Rose Bantog, who also chairs the LLDC, to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of buildings and structures in the city that could pose a danger to lives and property, Jimmy Castillano, public information office head, said the other day.

Castillano said the mayor issued the directive following the recent earthquake in Indonesia which left thousands of people dead.

Another basis for her order were the inspections conducted by the Task Force on Building Inspections of the Department of Public Works and Highways on 101 schools in the area.

Five schools up for evaluation

Of the 101 schools, five were recommended for detailed evaluation. These were the Las Piñas National High School, the Gonzalo Gatchalian Elementary School, Las Piñas Central School, Pulanglupa Elementary School and the Rizal Experimental Station and Pilot School of Cottage and Industries.

The stockroom and an office of the Las Piñas National High School, as well as Building 1 of the Las Piñas General Hospital, were also recommended for evaluation.

Aguilar, however, stressed in a statement that there was no immediate cause for alarm as far as these structures were concerned.

"We must be prepared for any eventuality at all times, with or without any threat to prevent unnecessary loss of lives or property," the mayor stated.

Emergency drills

She also instructed Dr. Virginia Penafuerte, city schools superintendent, to conduct emergency and earthquake drills in the city's public schools regularly.

Officials of private schools were also urged to coordinate with the City Disaster Coordinating Council for the conduct of their own emergency drills.

Castillano also announced yesterday that health workers from the city's 20 barangays, along with fire officials and other civilian volunteer groups, were tapped to implement the existing emergency measures in their respective areas.

Next week, the mayor is set to meet with establishment owners and mall representatives in Las Piñas to seek their cooperation in the city's disaster-preparedness campaign.

Meanwhile, Pasay City Mayor Wenceslao "Peewee" Trinidad ordered city engineers to temporarily declare as condemned the Pasay City West High School—which had been identified earlier as among the 60 structures vulnerable to quakes—following an inspection.

"It is prudent for us to err on the side of caution so I have instructed our city engineer's office to temporarily declare as condemned the Pasay City West High School building and for its structural integrity to be reevaluated," said Trinidad.

METROBRIEFS

3 traffic enforcers Makati's best workers

THEIR dedication to their work finally paid off. The Makati government has named three of the city's senior traffic enforcers as this year's outstanding employees for "exceptional service" rendered to the public. Rizaldino Bucoy, Napoleon Orense and Renato Escotido of the Public Safety Department received a certificate and cash prizes of P5,000, P3,000 and P2,000, respectively. Bucoy was chosen after an Australian national who saw him respond to a vehicular accident at the Makati Central Business District commended him for "displaying exemplary leadership." Orense, on the other hand, was cited by the local government for apprehending a notorious robber while Escotido has been the recipient of various commendations from different organizations. The awardees were recently feted by officials of the Rotary Club of Makati San Lorenzo at the Makati City Hall quadrangle.

Jocelyn R. Uy

Parañaque cracks down on illegal fishing

THE PARAÑAQUE City government will intensify its crackdown on illegal fishing activities following the arrest last week of a businessman allegedly involved in the illegal fish trade. Mayor Florencio Bernabe urged city residents, fishermen and vendors at the fisherman's wharf in Barangay La Huerta to help the local government implement Republic Act 8550 or the Fishery Code as well as local ordinances against illegal fishing. "Our marine and aquatic resources provide the city with food and livelihood. We should do our very best to protect it from those who threaten to pollute and destroy it for their own selfish interests," Bernabe said in a statement yesterday. Llander Macholo, an alleged fish dealer, was arrested by members of the City Agriculture Office and agents of the Philippine National Police Maritime Group on June 1. Before his arrest, Macholo was placed under surveillance, which allowed the operatives to confirm his involvement in dynamite fishing. Seized from him were 10 barrels of fish believed to have been caught by blast fishing.

Jocelyn R. Uy

Taguig mayor assures students of protection

TAGUIG City Mayor Freddie Tinga yesterday assured students that he has mobilized his men and the police to ensure their protection from criminals when classes resume tomorrow. Taguig police chief Supt. Alfred Corpuz recently met with officials and security forces of the 18 barangays to discuss the implementation of "Oplan Balik Paaralan." As part of the plan, barangay and police assistance centers near schools would be put up to thwart criminal elements—especially robbers, snatchers and extortionists—lurking near school campuses from victimizing students. Police personnel have also started repainting pedestrian lanes and installing appropriate road signs in the vicinity of schools, he added. Corpuz advised the public to call the emergency hotline 6402222 for assistance. Tinga initiated the creation of the 24-hour anticrime hotline last year in line with his program to wage an all-out war against all forms of criminality in the city.

Jocelyn R. Uy

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'Her voice stayed in my heart'

By Bayang Lualhati B. Flores

WHEN MAMA LEFT ME AND PApa in August, 2003 for the United States, we all had a big long sad goodbye. We felt bad when we saw her plane leave. We were just leaving the airport when I thought how long will she be gone.

The past few nights had been ok but when I told papa that I miss mama he told me that the past few nights I had been chanting "mama" over and over while I was asleep! I was shocked, but later at school I daydreamt about the times that our family was together.

I fully remembered her voice just in one phone call, mama had been calling for at least once or twice a week, I still miss mama, it has almost been a whole month without mama but to my surprise mama sent me and papa a portable DVD player and a sleeping beauty toy castle.

That night mama called us and I thanked her a lot for the gifts she sent us.

The next day I asked while we were on our way to school, "Is mama fine?" Papa had been treating me very protectively ever since mama went away. We were just waiting for mama's call when the phone rang. It was mama and we talked for a long time, at the end of the call I returned to what I was doing, but her voice did not leave my head but stayed In my heart.

My grades dropped a little because I did not pay as much attention as I did.

HER VOICE/ A28

Her teacher-mother left on her 6th birthday

BAYANG with her mother Cora in 2003: "My grades dropped after she left me to teach other school children in Texas."

By Julie M. Aurelio

THIS 8-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OF AN OFW lost not only a parent when her mother left in 2003, but also the most qualified and patient teacher she could ever have.

A grade school teacher at Colegio San Agustin, Corazon Briones Flores was also a tutor to her only daughter, Bayang Lualhati, who was then 5 years old in 2003. But on Aug. 8 of that year, Corazon decided to try her luck as a primary school teacher in Houston, Texas, leaving behind her daughter and her husband, Nelson. (*Bayang tells her story at left*).

"*Sumama talaga ang loob ko,*" she plaintively says of her mother's departure. It was Bayang's 6th birthday on the day her mother left, the last one mother and daughter had spent together since then.

A day before, Corazon had gone to Acelina Montessori School where Bayang was in Grade 1, bringing food for her daughter's classmates and balloons for an early birthday celebration. During the celebration, Corazon posed questions to her daughter's classmates, and gave the balloons as a reward.

"For some time, it didn't cross my mind that my mother was leaving," Bayang says, recalling the last birthday celebration she had with her Mama. "She was there and I was with my friends. So it's almost as if she was not leaving me at all."

She recalls how her mother used to help her with her lessons, doubling as her tutor at home. Corazon would also help her daughter with her homework in most subjects, putting her teaching skills to good use.

A proud mother she must have been, for Bayang, at a young age, has the makings of an achiever. Having skipped a grade, Bayang had constantly belonged to her class's honor roll and was inclined toward science, music and the arts.

At one point, Bayang was the champion of a quizbee held at Acelina Montessori School, where she studied until last year. On another occasion, she came in second place at a singing contest in school.

When asked about her feats at school, she casually replies in Filipino, "It's not much, really. Best in Science, Most Talented, something like that."

The honors Bayang had previously achieved were from Acelina. Bayang explained that unlike Acelina which held competitions for its students, JASMS was a cooperation-oriented school.

Bayang transferred to the Jose Abad Santos Memorial School last year. By then, she had already felt the effects of her mother's absence. "My grades dropped a little when Mama left," she admitted.

Just a year after her mother left, Bayang, then in Grade 2, slid down to 9th place in her class's honor roll. She was a constant placer in her class Top 3 since her nursery years.

HER TEACHER/ A28

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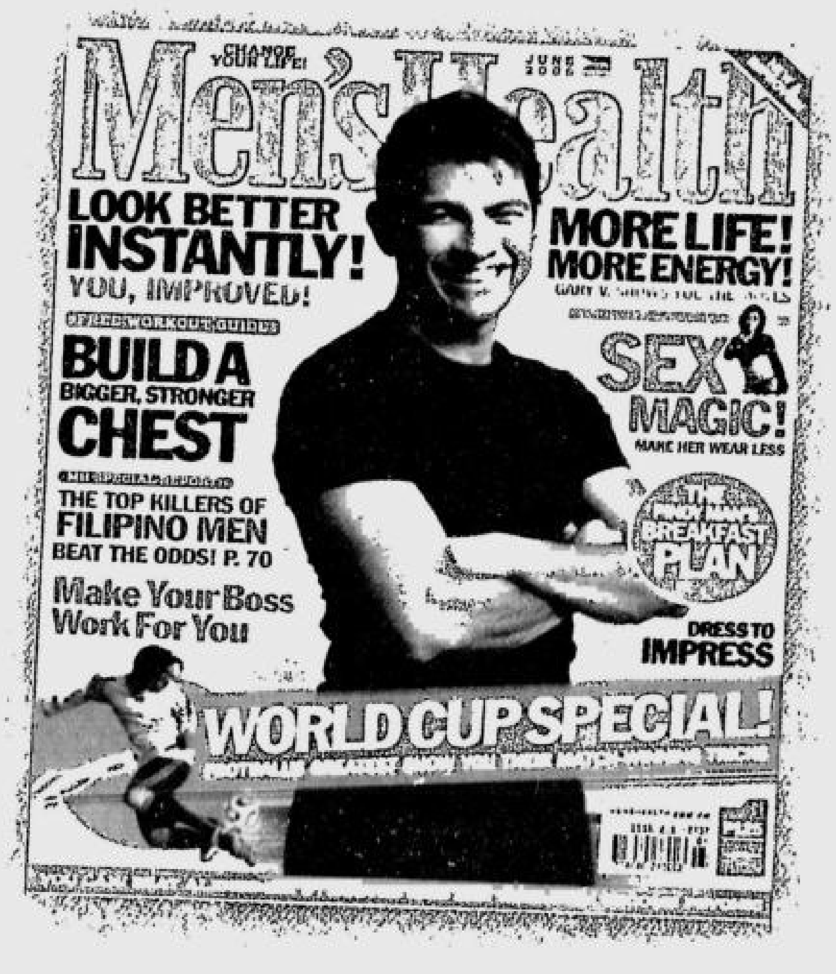

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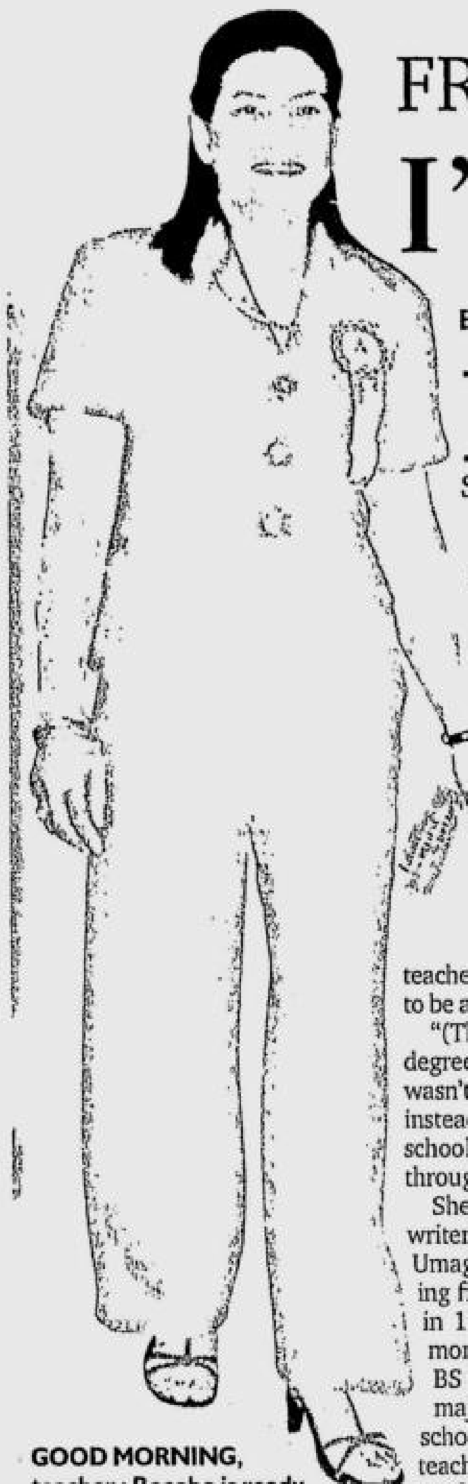

GOOD MORNING, teacher : Bocobo is ready to face her new students.

By **Jeric G. Contreras**, *Contributor*

MARIA "RIA" BOCOBO, 45, IS AN ENGLISH teacher at the Second Philippine International School in Sulaymaniah, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Just like in the Philippines, she is teaching Filipino students though, this time, in a foreign country.

Though Bocobo now says "teaching has become my life and it has made me a person of worth," she originally dreamed of being a journalist.

But now, Bocobo, who was a high school teacher in the Philippines, is proud to be an educator.

"(Though) I was able to earn my degree in Mass Communication, I wasn't really called to become one; instead I became a mentor in high school," she told the INQUIRER through e-mail.

She did work briefly as a spiel writer for ABS-CBN's Magandang Umaga Po in 1986, after graduating from Centro Escolar -Malolos in 1984. But she left after four months and decided to take up BS in High School Education, major in English, in the same school where she began her teaching career in 1990, University of Regina Carmeli, Malolos, Bulacan.

"While pursuing my Education studies, I was already trusted by the school to be a substitute teacher in high school when a teacher in English (went on) leave," Bocobo recalled.

She started to love teaching and the opportunity to provide students some of the knowledge they needed. English and Filipino became her forte. Teaching changed her principles and values in life—and she became content.

Discovering teaching

After being a substitute teacher, she got a job as a teacher in the government-run Malolos Fishery School. It was in public school that Bocobo felt she became a real teacher. Being with poverty-stricken children and watching their daily struggle to learn strengthened her commitment to teaching.

"Day by day, I felt I was infused with energy. I was becoming enthusiastic about teaching. Youthful souls inspired me no end," she said.

Bocobo took a five-year break to raise three daughters—Maan, Timmy, and Tinky. Her husband Jorge was working as an information technology specialist in Riyadh. Only after they started their schooling that she went back to teaching.

"At least I had already (taught good) values and attitude to my children then, and I did not have to feel guilty anymore spending (more) hours with my students than with (her children)," she said.

She took the Licensure Examination for Teachers and successfully passed the exam. She prepared herself mentally and emotionally to return to what she loved to do—teaching. She taught English and Filipino in Saint Anne's Catholic High School, Hagonoy.

"I loved my work so much and was (inspired by my) students' growth. I also knew that somehow I affected their lives," she said.

She established and eventually became the moderator of the school's official newspaper, The Annesian. She fused her journalistic and teaching prowess to help students become proficient and fluent in communication.

On her 5th year in SACHS, her husband finally completed the paper work that would allow the family to join him in Saudi Arabia and settle there.

It was hard for her to leave. "I was very sad. I had loved the school so much. My fellow teachers, the school personnel, the students, the janitor, the maintenance officer—they were all my family... I had no choice but to turn my back (on them) and follow my husband here in Saudi Arabia," she said.

Moving to Saudi Arabia in 2003, she now teaches at the Second Philippine International School in Riyadh. She teaches an all-Filipino class, children of OFWs. "I will die if I don't practice what eventually defined and shaped me."

Second Philippine International School
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
S.Y. 2005-2006

BOCOBO with children of OFWs last school year at the Second Philippine International School in Riyadh. "Success is not measured by the money a teacher earns, but how her students have turned out," she says.

When our teachers say goodbye

By **Estelle Ople Osorio**
Contributor

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THIS tale before—a successful Filipino visits Hong Kong and accidentally bumps into a familiar face who turns out to be his former teacher in high school. A stagnant income combined with increasing financial pressures led his teacher to trade in her lesson plan for an employment contract as domestic helper abroad.

If she had known better, that same teacher could have just as easily kept her lesson plan while practicing her profession abroad. These days, there is high demand for Filipino teachers to work in the United States, China, Japan, and even in the Middle East.

NorthWest Placement Agency, a leading recruitment agency that has a tie-up with public schools in Arizona and Texas, deployed twenty teachers last year. Agency owner Dr. Carol Rogge said they are now looking for teachers on science and special education for Garland High School, a community high school in Dallas, Texas, and music teachers for Window Rock High School in the state of Arizona. Applicants will have to pass a thorough interview in the Philippines by a coordinator named by the school to be followed by yet a second interview this time by the employer, meaning the school administrator or his designated representative.

Icing on the cake

Filipino applicants who are able to pass the first phase of screening would then leave for the United States to take two written examinations and undergo a process known as credentialing evaluation. While preparing for these tests, the applicants are under the care of their coordinator. According to Dr. Rogge, a teacher who passes all these procedures will then be eligible to teach while those who fail can still be fielded as a substitute teacher while he or she prepares for the next scheduled test. A migrant teacher usually receives an annual salary of US$37,000 and is bound by an employment contract that lasts three years. The icing on the cake is the possibility of the applicant being able to bring his or her family to the United States.

From 2002 to 2005, the number of approved positions for teachers reached 3, 188 with the United States as the number one destination, accounting for 61.3% of total deployment of newly-hired teachers. This information covers only those who left on temporary job contracts. It does not include the tens of thousands who left the country as immigrants.

Based on the records of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas, an attached agency of the Department of Foreign Affairs, a total of 12,734 emigrant teachers were recorded during the period 1998 to 2004 for an annual average of 749 teachers. Majority of these Filipino immigrants chose to settle in the United States (72%) with Canada (12.2%) and Australia (9.20%) as a far second and third choice. Then again, the large number of teachers who have left the country to work in non-teaching occupations around the world has yet to be added to this equation.

According to the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), there are several push factors that contribute to the exodus of elementary and secondary public school teachers as OFWs. Among such factors are low salaries, heavy teaching and non-teaching workload and lack of opportunities for employment, career and personal growth. The fields more vulnerable to the lure of overseas work are special education and elementary and secondary science and mathematics education.

Better teachers leave

In a paper presented during the 2006 National Manpower Summit, the POEA notes that despite such an exodus, the country still has an ample supply of teachers on hand. Based on the data of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), the average number of eligible teaches annually is at 35,238. Not all of them are able to find work in their chosen field thus leading to an active search for jobs overseas. Unfortunately, it cannot be denied that the teachers who are being accepted abroad have better credentials and wider teaching experience.

The POEA suggests that the shortage of qualified teachers particularly in the specialized fields of Math, English and Science, be addressed through a vigorous replenishment program with special attention to provinces where teachers' migration is high. It also recommends special incentives to entice those who have left the country to teach abroad to come back and share their new skills and knowledge with fellow teachers and local students. It also bats for a review of salaries and work conditions for public school teachers.

In its briefing paper, the POEA issued this warning: "Unless these (conditions) are made globally competitive, the surge of teachers leaving the country for work abroad either temporarily or permanently is expected to continue."

As of now, chances of higher salaries and a lighter workload for public school teachers do not seem encouraging. With the yearly increase in student population and crippling poverty resulting in an exodus of students from private to public schools, the prospects of better work conditions for our teachers may be difficult to realize.

The exodus of Filipino doctors and nurses to hospitals around the world is easy enough to comprehend, albeit difficult to cope with. However, when our teachers say goodbye, their departure reminds us sadly of an empty nest filled with little birds left literally to fend on their own.

Overseas Demand Per Country 2002-2005

COUNTRY	2002	2003	2004	2005	TOTAL	%
Bahrain	-	-	10	7	17	.53%
China	-	100		222	322	10.1%
N. Marianas	-	-	3	-	3	.09%
Japan	-	-	-	50	50	1.6%
Macau	-	-	-	20	20	.63%
Oman	-	-	2	15	17	.53%
Qatar	1	-	11	6	18	.56%
Saudi Arabia	-	1	8	1	10	.31%
Taiwan	-	-	1	-	1	.03%
Tirks & Caicos			2		2	.06%
UAE	1	8	5	9	23	.72%
US	366	940	479	920	2705	84.9%
TOTAL	368	1049	521	1250	3188	100%

SOURCE: POEA

Approved Positions for Teachers in USA 2002-2005

POSITION	2002	2003	2004	2005	TOTAL
Teachers	118	569	379	722	1788
Teachers Pre-Primary Education		-	-		
Teachers Primary Education	71	149		37	257
Teachers Secondary Education	133	125	96	40	394
Teachers Special Education	44	82	4	121	251
Teachers University & Higher Education		15	-	-	51
TOTAL	366	940	479	920	2705

SOURCE: POEA

LIST OF PHILIPPINE SCHOOLS OVERSEAS
(As of December 6, 2004)

Country	School	Date Established	Date of Issuance of Department of Eucation Permit to operate
Bahrain	The Philippine School	October 1994	March 4, 1997
China	Manila Xiamen School	1993	March 16, 1994
Greece	Katipunan Philippines Cultural Academy (KAPHILCA)	September 7, 1997	October 26, 1999
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	International Philippine School in Riyadh	August 1985	November 18, 1986 (Elementary) March 26, 1988 (Secondary)
	International Philippine School in Al-Khobar	March 23, 1989	October 24, 1989
	International Philippine School in Jeddah	July 19, 1997	September 18, 1997
	Philippine Community School in Al-Khobar (formerly Asian International School)	1995	June 22, 1995
	Second Philippine International School in Riyadh	December 24, 1998	February 17, 2000
	Al-Majd International School, Dammam (Philippine School in Damman)	May 25, 1995	June 15, 1999
	Al-Hekma International School	Date in Arabic 30/10/1419	March 29, 2000
	Millenium International School	December 15, 2001	June 3, 2004
Kuwait	Philippine International English School	April 17, 1999	October 29, 2000
Libya	Philippine Community School (Tripoli)	June 11, 1991	December 14, 1992
	Philippine Community School (Benghazi)	1986	October 29, 1999
	Philippine Centennial Academy International	1998	October 29, 1999
Oman	Philippine School	1989	January 31, 1995
Qatar	Philippine School Doha	October 3, 1992	March 6, 1999
United Arab Emirates	PISCO Private School	September 7, 1995	October 15, 1996
	Pioneers Modern School	1993	October 1996
	The New Filipino Private School	September 14, 1996	October 15, 1996
	United International Private School	1992	February 22, 1999
	Philippine National School	August 1998	February 23, 1999
	Pioneers International Private School	January 1990	February 24, 1999
	Far Eastern Private School	September 1, 2001	February 9, 2004

SOURCE: DEPED

Her voice stayed...

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When mama was here, my birthday was there but I was not that happy because we were not together.

They did it for me

Another month had past and still no mama. I had been doing arts since mama left and I miss her a lot, but even though we were not together I know papa and mama did it for me, so that I would have a good life, my grandpa is grumpy but he loves me.

One day I received a call from mama and she told me "I got money to buy tickets!" We were so happy and the past few weeks all I could think about is mama coming home here in the Philippines!

I was so thrilled mama was coming, so that night I dreamt, though I knew mama was away, I saw her walk in and out of the doors as if nothing had happened at all.

Our new year had passed and it gave our dog quite a scare! This year mama is calling almost three times a week telling us she is coming home. Mama had given us a phone call and papa was happy to hear mama's voice again. While papa and I were at my cousin's house, mama had called and asked where we were. But we were happy, it was almost as if we were never apart. Mama is coming home in July and we are excited for her arrival.

But in one call mama said "Bayang I will send you a box but do not open it until I get there." So we will. Papa has enrolled in a school and I started kumon and piano lessons.

HK Disneyland

This year we had gone to Hong Kong Disneyland. Some rides were big, some rides were small. Some rides were fun, some rides were scary but all the food is great but I still wished mama were there. Our hotel was called The Imperial Hotel it was nice but it would have been nicer if mama were there.

I love mama and I wish she saw the harbor in Hong Kong but at least we got her a t-shirt. And now we are home here in the Philippines anxiously waiting for her.

Her teacher-mother left on her 6th birthday

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"I'm not able to do much homework anymore since Mama left," she sighs, adding that the only subjects she can ably study at home were Music and Art.

The loss of a patient tutor had taken its toll on Bayang's academic performance, though she still did well at her new school.

From time to time, Corazon would call to ask her daughter about her studies, and Bayang would say, "I'm doing OK." But Bayang's father, Nelson, says he told his wife about the slight drop in their daughter's grades—and being a teacher herself, Corazon understood her daughter's plight.

"I tried asking for help with homework from manang (their househelp), from tatay, and from lolo, but it's not the same (unlike with Mama)," Bayang adds for emphasis, grinning impishly.

Among her classmates, Bayang says she was the only one whose mother works abroad. On occasions when she would see her classmates' mothers at school, she said she found it hard to see her friends' mothers.

"I'm a little envious, even, because my classmates' mothers are with them," she admits.

But when by herself or in the company of her father, Bayang would sometimes break into soft sobs, calling for her mama.

"I try to hold back my tears when I'm around people," she reveals in a soft voice, eyes downcast. The girl would sometimes call for her mother in her sleep, crying "Mama, mama" until her father would wake her up and hug her as if to close the distance between mother and child.

'Nay-tay'

It fell upon Nelson, an INQUIRER reporter, to act as both mama and tatay to Bayang, who often called him her "nay-tay."

The precocious Bayang has this to say about her "nay-tay," who occasionally helps her out with homework: "He rarely cooks, only when manang is not around. But he cooks pretty well, like the scrambled eggs and sardines."

She has spent the past three years living with her father, sharing one room and household chores whenever their maid is not around. Bayang says she is happy spending time with her "nay-tay," but the longing for her mama, her best teacher, never leaves her.

Corazon will be coming home in July to fetch her family of two to Houston, Texas. Bayang's father had not enrolled his daughter for the incoming school year.

Homecoming gift for mama

Bayang the artist has even prepared a masterpiece for her mother: a collage of pictures with the theme "women," encased in a heart-shaped frame, which she crafted from cartolina paper.

Does she plan to be an ace student when she leaves for the US to be reunited with her mama? "I just plan to do my best. *Hindi ako umaasa*," she replies rather shyly.

"I miss her. *Hanggang hindi siya dumadating, hindi ako magiging todong saya*," she sighs. "I wish she was here already."

US leaders worried by Iraq killings

WASHINGTON—US LEADERS admitted Friday that they are worried by mounting accusations of civilian killings by the US military in Iraq, but expressed confidence that they would be thoroughly investigated.

President George W. Bush is "troubled" by all of the allegations made against US forces, a White House spokesperson said. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the Marines would "soon" release the results of an inquiry into killings in the Iraqi city of Haditha last November.

"My impression is that the Marine Corps is handling it well," Rumsfeld said on the sidelines of an Asian security meeting in Singapore.

All of the alleged killings have taken place in the troubled regions around Baghdad that have become notorious as insurgent strongholds.

HADITHA—The US military is investigating whether US Marines killed 24 civilians in the town northwest of Baghdad after a marine was killed by a roadside bomb. A separate inquiry is looking into whether there was a cover-up over the involvement in the killings.

Time magazine said Marines killed seven people in one house and then another 12 people in neighboring homes, as well as shooting dead the driver and four passengers of a passing taxi.

ISHAQI—A military inquiry has cleared US forces of wrongdoing during a raid on the village of Ishaqi, about 100 kilometers north of Baghdad, on March 15.

US officials said at the time that four people died in a firefight after US forces were tipped-off that an al-Qaida supporter was visiting a house in Ishaqi. The BBC showed video Friday of 11 bodies including women and children.

The US military has only officially confirmed that an investigation is underway.

HAMADIYA—The third probe is into the killing of a civilian in Hamadiya in the so-called "Triangle of Death" south of Baghdad on April 26. This also involves US Marines.

On top of the alleged deliberate killings, US forces have also faced criticism after a pregnant woman was killed in a speeding car at a checkpoint this week, while Iraqi public opinion has also been outraged over previous air attacks and military operations in which civilians have died.

Iraq's Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has denounced the killings in Haditha as an "odious crime" and called for talks "to redefine the obligations of coalition forces."

Amid the mounting controversy, Gen. George Casey, the top US commander in Iraq, this week ordered troops to take refresher courses in ethics and rules of engagement amid a mounting outcry over the allegations.

Five possible scenarios, including shots being fired from a school or a mosque, will be raised as part of a discussion on ways to reduce civilian casualties, US officials said.

White House spokesperson Tony Snow confirmed Friday that three investigations are being carried out into the alleged deliberate killings in the three locations.

"The president cares about making sure that military forces adhere to the rules of engagement and that they respect the human rights of civilians in Iraq," Snow told reporters.

"He said yesterday that he was troubled by the allegations in Haditha. I think it would be safe to say that he'd be troubled by similar allegations anywhere," said Snow. *AFP*

PICTURE dated March 15 shows bodies of Iraqi children who were allegedly killed during a US raid in the area of Ishaqi near the city of Balad, north of Baghdad, near a graveyard ready to to be buried. Eleven people, most of them women and children were killed in a house that was bombed during a US raid, Iraqi police said. AFP

US commanders knew Haditha deaths from gunfire

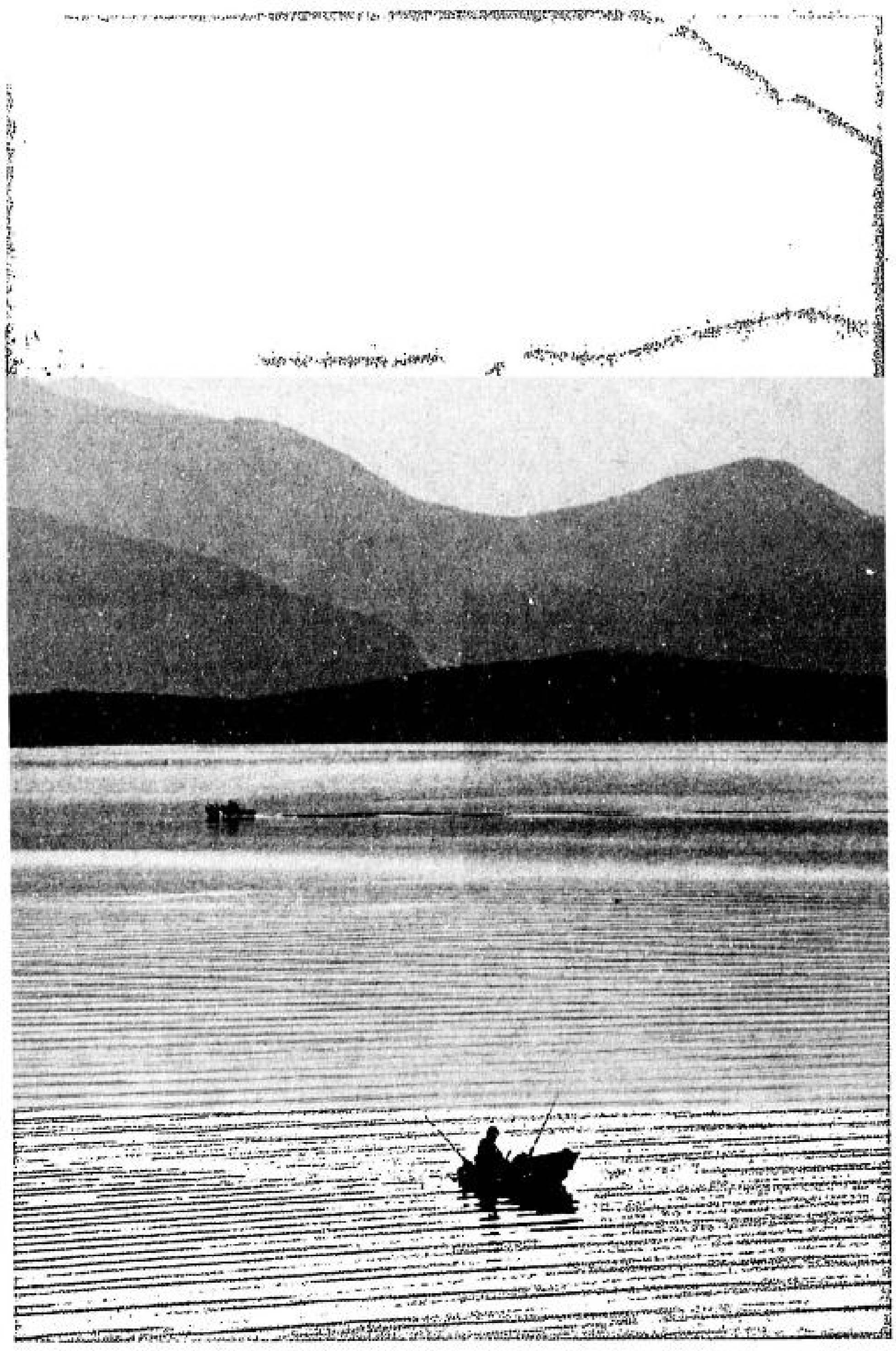
NEW YORK—MARINE COMMANDERS IN Iraq knew within two days of the killings in Haditha in November that gunfire, not a roadside bomb, had killed Iraqi civilians but they saw no reason to investigate further, The New York Times reported on Saturday.

A senior Marine officer told the Times that commanders informed investigators they had not viewed the early discrepancies in accounts about how the two dozen Iraqis died as unusual, and that they had no information at the time suggesting that any civilians had been killed deliberately.

But a senior Marine general familiar with the investigation said "It's impossible to believe they didn't know," referring to mid-level and senior officers. "You'd have to know this thing stunk," the general, who was granted anonymity along with others who described the investigation, was quoted as saying.

The general also said that it had not yet been determined just how high up the chain of command culpability for the killings went. He also said there were strong suspicions that some officers knew that the Marine squad's version of the incident had enough holes and discrepancies that it should have been questioned and investigated more fully.

Investigators have interviewed Marine commanders who were serving in Iraq at the time of the killings, including Maj. Gen. Stephen Johnson, commander of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, and Maj. Gen. Richard Huck, commander of the 2nd Marine Division. *Reuters*



DEFINITELY BETTER THAN MALLING

Fishermen navigate the waters at Isabella Lake during the early morning hours near the French Gulch Marina June 2, near the town of Lake Isabella. AP/THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, DAN OCAMPO

Nobel laureate named E. Timor defense minister

DILI—A MAJOR POLITICAL CRISIS IN THE world's youngest independent nation appeared to ease on Friday when East Timor's Nobel Peace Prize-winning foreign minister was given additional charge of the country's fractured armed forces.

The appointment of Jose Ramos-Horta, who shared the 1996 peace prize with countryman Bishop Carlos Belo, comes after nearly 10 days of arson and looting by gangs loosely allied to factions in Timor's army and police force.

The UN refugee agency said on Friday that it was starting an airlift of shelter and other aid to the tiny nation, where the violence has uprooted an estimated 100,000 people.

There were isolated clashes between the gangs throughout Friday, but nothing like the pitched battles that a 2,500-strong Australian-led peacekeeping force has tried to quell since it first started arriving last week.

Thousands of residents of the capital are still camped out in church grounds and public parks, too frightened to return to their homes while gangs roam the suburbs. But with foreign troops stepping up patrols, President Xanana Gusmao has urged a return to normalcy.

Ramos-Horta's appointment comes a day after the resignations of Defense Minister Roque Rodriguez and Interior Minister Rogerio Lobato. The two had been sidelined on Tuesday when Gusmao assumed some emergency powers.

Gusmao stopped short of sacking Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri, seen by many as the architect of the biggest political crisis to hit the country since it became independent of Indonesia in 2002.

But Alkatiri remains deeply unpopular among ordinary Timorese and the leader of a group of rebel soldiers says he will not surrender unless the prime minister resigns.

He sparked the crisis in April when he dismissed around 600 soldiers after they went public with protests about alleged discrimination against easterners in the army by mostly western officers.

The east-west divide in this tiny nation of around one million people first surfaced during a bloody referendum in 1999 when East Timor voted for independence from Indonesia. *Reuters*

WORLDBRIEFS

British cops shoot suspected terrorist

LONDON—British antiterrorist police shot a man on Friday in a dawn raid on a house they suspected could have been used for making bombs or chemical weapons. More than 250 officers, some wearing chemical, biological and radiological protection suits, descended on the house in east London in one of the biggest raids since last July's suicide bombings on the capital's transport system. "Because of the very specific nature of the intelligence, we planned an operation that was designed to mitigate any threat to the public either from firearms or from hazardous substances," said Peter Clarke, head of Britain's antiterrorism branch. Police said a 23-year-old man who was at the house was shot by firearms officers. The man was arrested in hospital on suspicion of "the commission, preparation and instigation of acts of terrorism," Clarke said.

Reuters

Quake survivors shaken by more tremors

YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia—Fear spread through Indonesia's quake-ravaged region overnight as more tremors sent some of the tens of thousands of homeless running from makeshift tents just one week after a dawn earthquake killed over 6,200. Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said on Saturday that it had recorded several aftershocks of magnitude 4, each lasting about 30 seconds. A 6.3-magnitude quake struck Yogyakarta and Central Java provinces last Saturday, flattening over 100,000 houses. Many in the region are now living in flimsy shelters in front of the piles of rubble that used to be their homes.

Reuters

US teener kept in dog kennel

BRIGHTON, Colorado—A woman who locked her 13-year-old grandson in a dog kennel nightly for three years is facing charges including child abuse and kidnapping. Prosecutors filed 39 charges against June Candelario, 61, for allegedly locking her grandson in a dog kennel for up to 11 hours a night while she worked as a detention counselor for Jefferson County. The kennel was 117 cm by 76 cm, and 89 cm tall (46 inches by 30 inches and 35 inches tall). The charges filed Thursday include felony second-degree kidnapping, attempt to commit child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury, and 37 misdemeanor charges of child abuse. She told social workers she felt locking up the teen was better than letting him walk the streets, according to court documents.

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URBAN RICE

Japanese girls plant rice seedlings on a roof garden of a high-rise building at Tokyo's Roppongi Hills complex during a rice planting event June 3. REUTERS

Nations resist new financial commitments on AIDS

UNITED NATIONS—A MAJOR UN meeting on AIDS strategy on Friday fell short of concrete financial commitments but recognized the growing spread of the disease among women and their right to protect themselves.

Friday's session, the last day of a three-day meeting, brought together heads of state, prime ministers and health officials from 151 countries on how to care for 40 million infected people over the next decade.

Some 25 million people have died of AIDS since 1981 and 8,000 die each day of the disease, although the rate of new cases has slowed. Women in Africa have surpassed men in contracting the disease.

The final declaration, many activists said, was more positive than they had predicted. Muslim countries, including Iraq, Egypt and Pakistan, at one point had resisted commitments on the rights of women or girls.

Still, some 70 groups among the 800 attending denounced the declaration as "pathetically weak" on financing and rights for girls under 18, many of them in forced marriages.

"I know that none of you got all that you wanted in this declaration," UN General Assembly President Jan Eliasson said in closing the the session. But he said thanks to the advocacy groups, "the draft got stronger—not weaker."

Although the declaration is non-binding, it serves as a basis for programs from governments, private groups and business.

The document says $23 billion will be needed annually by 2010 to fight AIDS, more than double the $8.3 billion spent in 2005.

But delegations did not commit themselves to a timetable for raising the funds as they did in 2001 when the financial target was met.

The United States led those objecting to financial goals, although Washington, the largest spender on AIDS in the developing world, has set its own targets.

Squeamishness over sex was evident this year as in 2001, with Islamic groups and conservative Roman Catholic countries using the term "vulnerable groups" rather than referring to prostitutes, homosexuals and drug addicts. *Reuters*

Huge student protests belie Chile's stable image

SANTIAGO, CHILE—MASSIVE student protests have exposed discontent beneath Chile's rapid modernization, amid calls for the government to redistribute wealth and fulfill a campaign promise for open democracy.

Some 800,000 teenage students marched through Chile this week, handing the almost 3-month-old government of President Michelle Bachelet its first domestic crisis as police and protesters met in sometimes violent clashes.

The protests won the sympathy of Chileans across party lines and Bachelet announced new education benefits late on Thursday, partially conceding to demonstrators' demands.

"Why is this happening?" said Pablo Salvat, a columnist and professor of ethics at the Padre Hurtado University in Santiago. "Because she called for more citizen activism ... and the students are taking her at her word and saying, 'These are our problems, these are our difficulties.'"

Chile has modernized quickly since the end of the 1973-1990 dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet, cutting its poverty in half in the past 15 years. The protests this week show not all have been satisfied with the design of progress.

Chile has shot to prominence in the past decade as it cut poverty indices and became Latin America's economic star. In the past three years, windfall copper profits from soaring prices swelled government revenue, which it has opted to save.

Protests began two weeks ago when students took over a few schools in the capital, but the movement spread quickly to become Chile's largest student demonstration in decades. *Reuters*

Dark soya sauce healthier than red wine, study finds

SINGAPORE—DARK SOYA sauce, widely used in east Asia, may prove to be more effective than red wine and vitamin C in combating human cell damage, researchers in Singapore said.

Scientists found that the sauce—derived from fermented soya beans—contains antioxidant properties about 10 times more effective than red wine and 150 times more potent than vitamin C, Singapore's Strait Times reported on Saturday.

Antioxidants—found in red wine, fruits and vegetables—counter the effects of free radicals, unstable atoms which attack human cells and tissues.

Free radicals have been linked to the aging process as well as a range of ailments including Parkinson's disease, cancer and heart disease.

The National University of Singapore study also found that the sauce improved blood flow by as much as 50 percent in the hours after consumption.

"There's a preventative aspect, showing that it may potentially slow down the rate of cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases," research team leader Professor Barry Halliwell said.

But he cautioned against taking large amounts of dark soya sauce because of its high salt content, which could lead to high blood pressure. *Reuters*

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World awaits Iran response

Ahmadinejad voices defiance over major powers' proposal

A BOY stands among Iranian men during weekly Friday prayers at Tehran University in the Iranian capital, June 2. AFP

VIENNA—IRAN WILL NOT GIVE UP ITS NUCLEAR RIGHTS, DEspite being given just "weeks" by world powers to suspend uranium enrichment or face the consequences, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said.

"Pressure by certain Western countries aiming to make us abandon our (nuclear) rights will not show results," Ahmadinejad said Friday, according to the official IRNA news agency in Tehran.

He was responding to a joint initiative announced the previous day by the foreign ministers of the five permanent UN Security Council members, plus Germany, who offered Tehran a package of benefits if it suspends sensitive nuclear fuel work.

But the offer, issued after intense talks here, came conditioned with a threat of penalties, including UN sanctions, if Tehran refuses to suspend uranium enrichment and reprocessing—the core programs in making nuclear fuel but what can also be used in atom bombs.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Friday that Iran had only weeks to respond to the proposal of trade, security and technology incentives if Iran suspends uranium enrichment, which can be used to make nuclear reactor fuel but also nuclear weapons material.

Rice told the US television network NBC in Vienna: "We do need to have an answer and it can't be months. It really needs to be within weeks."

No one was proposing a precise deadline for a positive response from Iran.

"There is no kind of ultimatum deadline, although I think we are talking about several weeks," said Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

The foreign minister also refused to be drawn on what measures might be taken if Iran refused the international community's proposals.

"At the moment we won't guess because such guesses pour oil on the fire of emotional discussions and give a reason for those who want to destroy the possibility of a negotiated resolution," he was quoted by the RIA-Novosti news agency as saying.

He added that the Vienna talks between Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States had ruled out any recourse to force as a way of resolving the crisis.

Russia opposes the use of force against Iran and believes it is "early" to discuss the possibility of sanctions, Russian President Vladimir Putin echoed Friday.

The United States, however, has said independently that no option—including military action—is off the table in dealing with Iran.

The United States insisted that Iran had to suspend sensitive nuclear fuel work as a "non-negotiable" element of the deal hammered out by world powers, White House spokesperson Tony Snow said.

British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett also gave no details of the package, but said late Thursday at the end of the meeting that "we are now talking to the Iranians about our proposals," which are to be delivered to Tehran within days.

In Berlin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel called on Iran to seize what she called an "incredible opportunity." *AFP*

Experimental drug helps fight advanced breast cancer, study finds

ATLANTA—A NEW EXPERIMENTAL DRUG delayed the growth of advanced breast cancer in women who had stopped responding to the drug Herceptin and were out of treatment options, doctors reported Saturday.

The experimental drug, Tykerb, worked so well that an international study of it was stopped early, in April, based on results in 321 women.

Those who received Tykerb plus the chemotherapy drug Xeloda had no growth of their tumors for 8 1/2 months. That compares to 4 1/2 months for those given only Xeloda, said Dr. Charles Geyer Jr. of Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Tykerb's maker, British-based GlaxoSmithKline PLC, said it would expand global access to the drug under compassionate use provisions, and would seek approval to sell it in the United States and elsewhere later this year.

"This is huge," said Dr. Roy Herbst, a cancer specialist at the University of Texas' M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

"The next step will be to use it in patients instead of Herceptin up front," to see whether it is more effective, he said.

Herceptin and Tykerb are members of a new generation of cancer medicines that more precisely target tumors without killing lots of healthy cells. Herceptin has been an important option for many women with advanced breast cancer, but eventually it stops working and women succumb to the disease.

Tykerb works in a similar yet completely novel way. Like Herceptin, it targets a protein called HER-2/neu, which is made in abnormally large quantities in roughly one-fourth of all breast cancers.

Herceptin blocks this protein on the cell's surface; Tykerb does it inside the cell, and blocks a second abnormal protein, too.

In the study, Tykerb also showed signs of being able to prevent cancer from spreading to the brain. That happened to four of the 161 women given Tykerb and Xeloda, compared to 16 of the 160 women given Xeloda alone.

About 14 percent of women on the Tykerb-Xeloda combination and 11 percent on Xeloda alone stopped treatment because of side effects. Diarrhea and rash were more common in those who received Tykerb.

No patients developed heart failure, but four of the 161 on the drug combination had a modest decrease in pumping power of the main chamber of the heart—side effects that also have been seen with Herceptin.

Tykerb has one big advantage over Herceptin—it's a pill instead of an intravenous drug, which should make it cheaper and easier to use, doctors said.

Breast cancer is the most common major cancer in American women and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women. About 213,000 new cases are expected to occur in the United States this year and more than 1 million worldwide. *AP*

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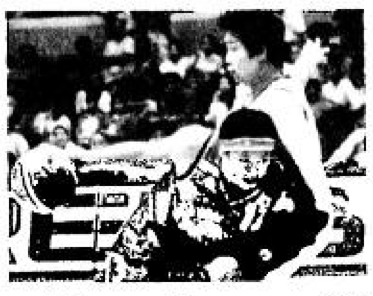

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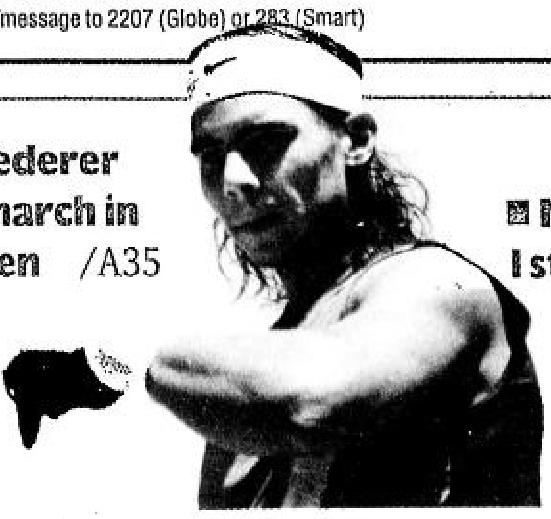

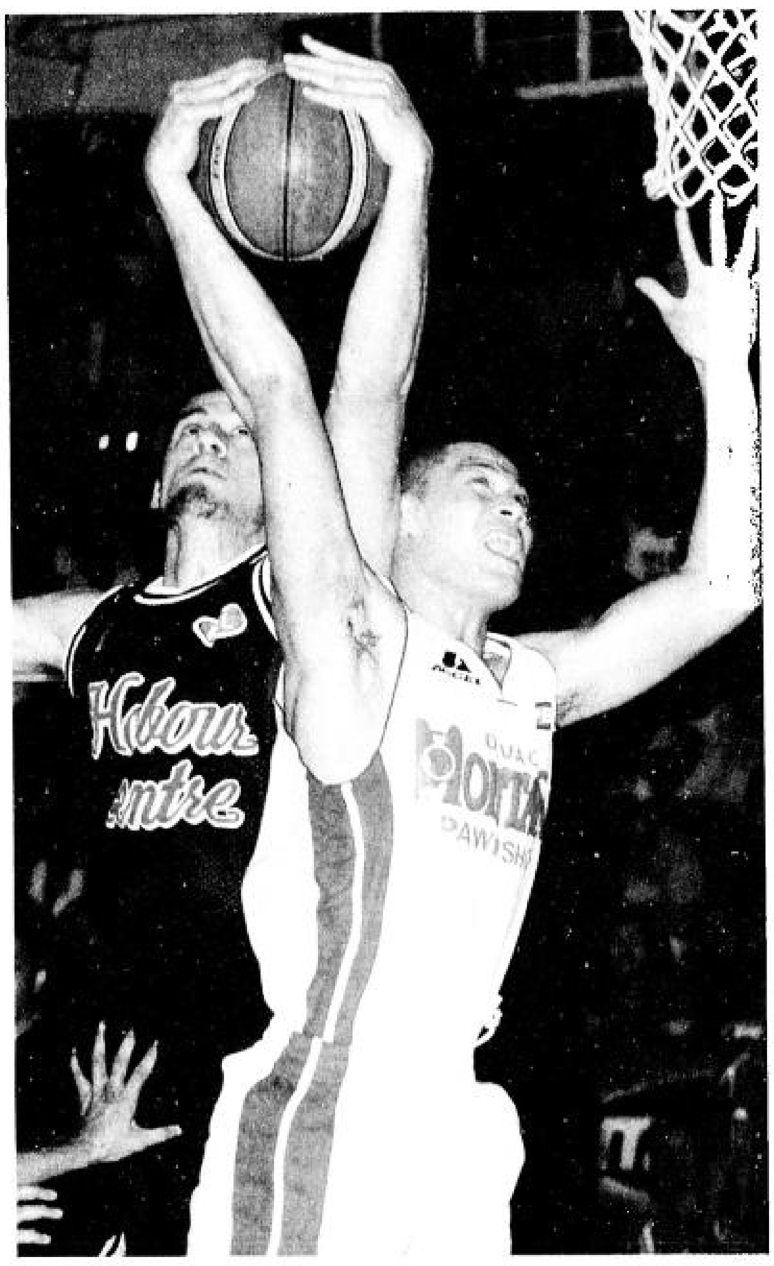

AL MAGPAYO of the Montaña Jewels gets entangled with Robb Reyes of Harbour Centre in a rebound battle. JESS YUSON

Harbour Centre rips Montaña, gains finals

Faces Toyota Otis for PBL Unity Cup title

By Jasmine W. Payo

THE TEAM THAT BARELY MADE it to the playoffs just made it to the PBL Unity Cup Finals.

The sixth-seeded Harbour Centre claimed the remaining Finals seat by crushing the Montaña Jewels, 86-60, in Game 4 of their semifinal series yesterday at the Olivarez Sports Center in Parañaque.

Before knocking out the second-ranked Jewels, Harbour Centre overcame the twice-to-beat advantage of third-placer Granny Goose to become the lowest-ranked team to enter the championship round.

Harbour Centre will battle Toyota Otis, also a first-time finalist, in a best-of-five title showdown starting Thursday.

Most of the credit clearly goes to Harbour Centre stars LA Tenorio and Joseph Yeo. More than just combining for 31 points, the backcourt duo fueled the Portmasters with the leadership and spunk all throughout the game.

The Portmasters also did an excellent job in shutting down Jewels' veteran guards Al Vergara and Froilan Baguion in the second half.

"Our concern was to prevent their guards from driving and kicking out," said Harbour Centre coach Jorge Gallent.

Unlike in previous games, there were also no more late-game meltdowns for the Portmasters.

"Finally in this series, we clicked in the second half, there were no more collapses," noted Gallent. "As a coach, I'm happy they followed the game plan. And I think they finally learned their lessons."

The Portmasters completely made the Jewels look lackluster in the second half.

After topscoring at the half with 10 points, Tenorio drained a three-pointer that triggered the Portmasters' third-quarter onslaught.

Yeo, who displayed an all-around performance with six rebounds, seven assists and three steals, fueled the Portmasters' run for a 62-54 lead by the end of the period.

Tenorio teamed up with Chico Lanete, who drilled in nine of his 12 points in the final canto, for a 16-point bubble, 72-56, with 5:44 minutes remaining.

With their seasoned shooters surprisingly misfiring, the Jewels were held to only eight points in the fourth quarter.

Grimacing in pain, Alex Compton played for logged just 18 minutes on a bad back and finished with only two points.

"Finally, we made it to the Finals," said team owner Mikee Romero, who commended his players for their first Finals stint after only a year in the league.

In the opening minutes, the Jewels seemed to have put behind their crushing double-overtime loss in Game 3.

The Portmasters trailed at 5-12, with Ken Bono scoring seven points in the Jewels' opening run

Rico Maierhoffer sparked the Portmasters' 12-0 tear for a 17-12 edge with three minutes left in the first quarter.

Larry Rodriguez and Reed Juntilla delivered the scoring punch in the second canto, leading the Jewels to a 41-40 halftime advantage.

The scores:

HARBOUR CENTRE 86—Tenorio 16, Yeo 15, Lanete 12, Maierhofer 11, Gamboa 9, Arana 8, Reyes 6, Alonzo 4, Chia 3, Paterno 2, Coching 0, Gaco 0, Saguindel 0.

MONTAÑA 60—Rodriguez 13, Juntilla 11, Bono 10, Vergara 9, Magpayo 7, Baguion 4, Compton 2, Bonus 2, Dela Cuesta 0, Buenafe 0, Atablanco 0, Espiritu 0, Evangelista 0.

Quarters: 25-23, 40-41, 62-54, 86-60

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Underachieving Pals back to the drawing board

PUMAREN

By June Navarro

AFTER SQUANDERING A TOURNAMENT full of promise, Derrick Pumaren and his Talk 'N Text Phone Pals have now begun pondering on the future.

"I can see the potential of this team and we're happy with what we have," said Pumaren, less than a day after losing back-to-back games in the wildcard phase of the PBA Philippine Cup.

While the emotional loss to Barangay Ginebra on Wednesday officially made them bow out of contention, the defeat the Phone Pals absorbed opposite Air21 Friday night was the one that demolished their collective egos more than any losses before it.

With literally nothing at stake but pride, the Phone Pals couldn't even finish off the Express despite leading by 20 points early in the second half and by four with 44.1 seconds left on Friday.

It was Talk 'N Text's 12th defeat in 18 games and the fifth in six outings since acquiring long-distance gunner Renren Ritualo and reliable pivotman Don Allado in a pair of deals with Air21 and Alaska nearly a month ago.

The loss to the Gin Kings marked the first time that the franchise failed to advance past the elimination round in 20 regular conferences since the 1998 All-Filipino Cup or before Asi Taulava arrived.

Still, Pumaren couldn't help but feel animated over his chances for redemption.

"I'm really excited with what this team could do and I can't wait to see it," said Pumaren.

But his excitement will have to wait until Talk 'N Text officials try to figure out what went wrong and chart the direction of the team. They have, after all, three to four months before the next tournament starts.

Any time next week, Pumaren and his coaching staff will sit down with Manny V. Pangilinan, the often reserved team owner who stopped watching the games when his team fell on a tailspin near the end of the elimination round.

Pumaren said the Phone Pals lacked the team chemistry they needed to survive because of the short time he had after taking over the reins.

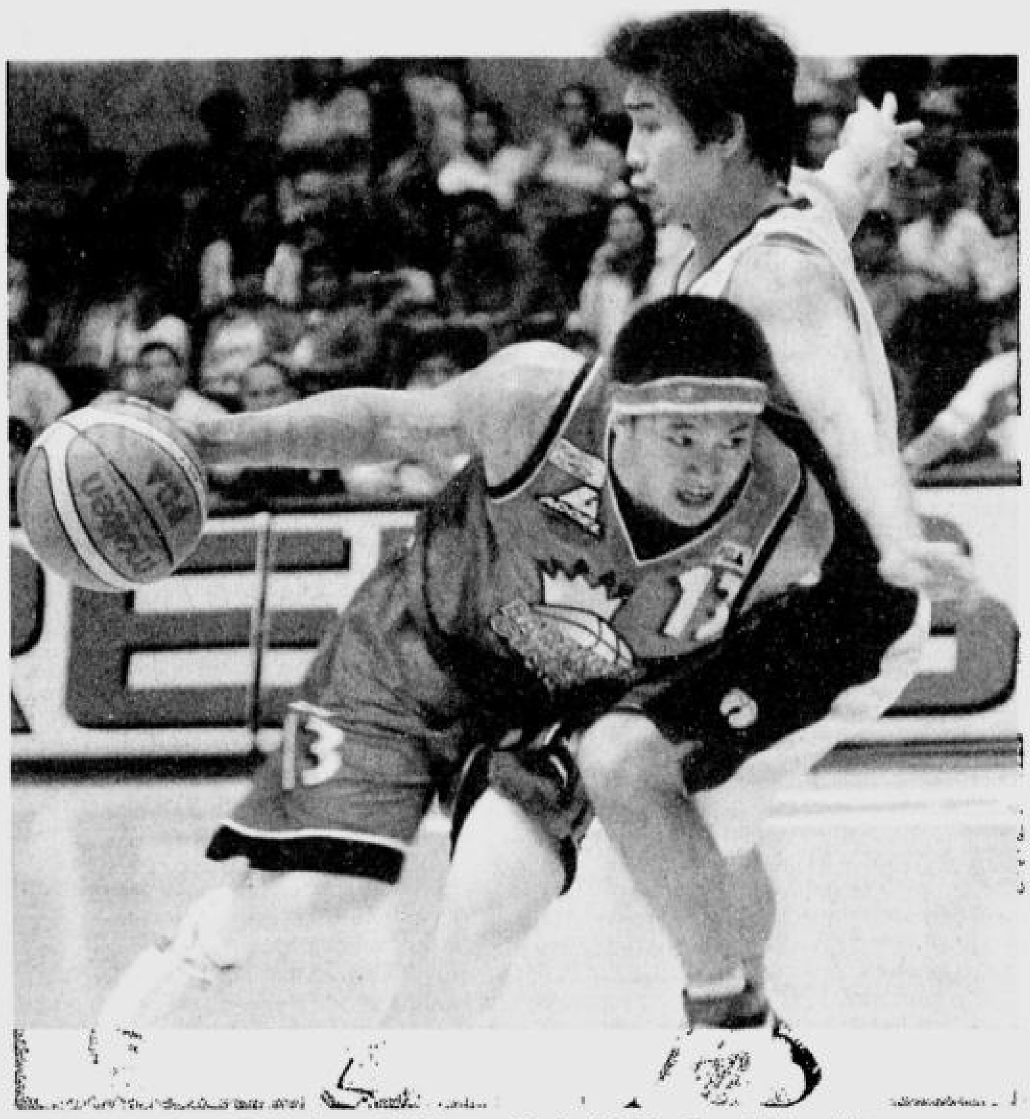
"You must remember that I got the coaching job just two weeks before the season started," said Pumaren. "The short preparation and mid-conference trades definitely hurt us."

Yet, Pumaren knows getting back up after taking a fall is what makes a man.

And this is the attitude he'd like to instill on the team.

Kings-Express KO match today

Winners set up quarters clash vs Barako


JAYJAY Helterbrand (left) tries to dribble past STa. Lucia's Mac Cuan Friday night. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

FOR THESE TEAMS, THIS game will define their tournament.

After going through injury problems and manpower adversities, Barangay Ginebra and Air21 clash in a do-or-die showdown today with a quarterfinal seat in the PBA Philippine Cup on the line.

"We haven't accomplished anything yet, and all the character building the past weeks will go for naught if we don't win this one," said Air21 coach Bo Perasol on the eve of his 6:40 p.m. collision with Siot Tanquingcen and the Gin Kings at the Big Dome in Cubao.

And Perasol and his over-achieving Express will be trying to go a step further, into a place no one—but themselves—thought they could go to after dealing away their cornerstone of four years in one of the most lopsided trades in recent memory.

"We lack the manpower in the wings," Perasol said. "I see (Jay-Jay) Helterbrand and (Mark) Caguioa as the Kings' solid advantage."

The Express lost Ren-Ren Ritualo to Talk 'N Text in exchange for role player Leo Avenido and the injuries to Ronald Tubid and Gary David only compounded matters for Perasol.

But this team, which narrowly missed making the Fiesta Cup Finals, knows how to win—no matter what the odds.

Air21 came charging back from 20 points down in the first half and from four behind in the final 44.1 Friday night.

It was resiliency at its highest level, something which the team that has never given up—Ginebra—surely saw.

"The matchups wouldn't be favorable for us," said Ginebra's Tanquingcen. "They're taller and bigger so we have to get something going in the backcourt."

Eric Menk has a new support cast in the shaded area after Rommel Adducul and Andy Seigle were sidelined because of injuries. Replacing them in the rotation are Ervin Sotto and Manny Ramos.

Helterbrand and Caguioa also won't miss Rodney Santos as journeyman Allan Salangsang has been putting up decent figures for the Kings.

The winner of this game advances to a pairing with a well-rested Red Bull side in a best-of-five series. The other quarterfinal matchup will be between Coca-Cola and Alaska.

Ginebra and Air21 defeated Sta. Lucia and Talk 'N Text in separate instances of the wildcard phase, with the Kings posting a more comfortable win over the Realtors and the Express going through that wringer against the Phone Pals to formalize the KO nature of this match.

The Realtors and the Phone Pals clash in the first game just to be able take a winning feeling into a long vacation.

Nino Canaleta has been doing great justice into the franchise player-label tagged on him after Ritualo left, flying high in the recent Air21 victories with the Friday conquest of the Phone Pals proving to be his latest caper.

The reigning slam-dunk king dropped a career-high 32 points, 17 in some of the most crucial times of the fourth quarter, against a Talk 'N Text team that played him hard and close defensively.

"He's (Canaleta) not afraid of taking chances," said Perasol, who admitted that a 2-0 record against the Kings in this tournament is nothing to brag about.

"I don't think it will have any psychological effect in the game. Come Sunday, it will be different." *June Navarro*

STANDINGS	W	L
Air21	9	9
Ginebra	9	9
Talk 'N Text	6	12
Sta. Lucia	4	14

GAMES TODAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)

4:10 p.m.—Talk 'N Text vs Sta. Lucia Realty

6:30 p.m.—Ginebra vs Air21

OLYMPIAD

Ladies pick up cudgels for RP chessers; Antonio streak ends

TURIN, ITALY—THE FILIPINAS HELD their ground, but the Filipinos, with Grandmaster Rogelio Antonio Jr.'s unbeaten string snapped, skidded in round 11 of the 37th Chess Olympiad here.

Rookie Sherily Cua trouced Deimante Danlyte in 89 moves of an English Opening as the 60th-ranked Filipinas forged a 1.5-1.5 draw with the 13th-seeded Lithuanians on Friday and braced for a best-ever finish in the biennial event.

Following Antonio's board 3 loss to Super GM Loek Van Wely (Elo 2655), his first since the 2002 Bled Olympiad, the Filipinos bowed to the 8th-ranked All-GM Dutch squad, 3-1, and dropped to a share of 35th-38th places with 25 points.

Grandmasters Mark Paragua and Eugene Torre split points with Super GMs Ivan Sokolo (Elo 2676) and Serhey Tiviakov (Elo 2669) on boards 1 and 2, but two-time national champion Darwin Laylo also yielded to GM Friso Nijboer on an English Opening duel on board 4 for the final tally.

Their third loss put more pressure on the Filipinos to beat the All-GM Switzerland squad headed by two-time world championship challenger, GM Viktor Korchnoi, the oldest active GM at 75, in round 12 on Saturday.

Cua, a 19-year-old education major at the University of Santo Tomas, deftly maneuvered black and was quality up, rook versus bishop, when Danlyte resigned.

CUA: Key victory LYN RILLON

With 19 points, six coming from Cua, the Filipinas are a cinch to better their 48th place effort in the 2004 Calvia Olympiad and capture the Group C title reserved for teams seeded 42nd-62nd.

Woman Fide Master Sheerie Joy Lomibao was humbled by IM Viktonja Cmilyte in 30 moves of a Knight's Tango Defense on board 1 while Woman National Master Catherine Pereña drew with IM Dagne Ginksyte after 51 moves of a Nimzo-Indian Defense on board 2 as the Filipinas returned to the upper boards.

The Filipinas, being mentored by National Master Cesar Caturla, tangle with the 33rd-ranked Estonias in round 12 with Pereña taking over board 1 against WIM Monika Tsiganova.

Cua moves up to board 2 against WIM Viktoria Bashkite while Woman International Master Beverly Mendoza returns to action on board 3 against WFM Valeria Gansvind.

Despite handling black, Armyman Antonio took the offensive against Van Wely, a leading candidate for the board 3 gold medal, but lose tempo when he moved his king from a bishop check instead of just blocking it with a pawn.

"Too bad," said Antonio, who resigned after 23 moves of a Nimzo Indian Defense. "It would have been an easy draw."

Men's captain Sammy Estimo will be fielding back Paragua, Torre and Antonio against Korchnoi, GM Yannik Pelletzer and GM Florain Jenni, respectively, while Fide Master Oliver Dimakiling will man board 4 against IM Richard Forster. *Roy Luarca*

Round 11 standings

Men

32—Armenia; 28.5—China, France; 28—Russia, United States; 27.5—Czech Republic, Ukraine, Cuba, Israel; 27—Netherlands, Germany; 26.5—Georgia, Denmark, Uzbekistan, Slovenia, Hungary, Greece, Bulgaria, Norway, Moldova, Romania, 26—Poland, Spain, Slovakia, Iceland, 25.5-India, Belarus, Iran, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Lithuania, FYROM, England, Canada, 25—Croatia, Philippines, Sweden, Switzerland

Women

25.5—Ukraine, 24.5—Russia; 23.5—China; 21.5—United States; 21—Georgia; 20.5—Armenia, France; 20—Bulgaria, Romania, Poland, Belarus, Netherlands; 19.5—Greece, Slovela, Germany, Slovakia, Croatia, Latvia; 19—Lithuania, Estonia, Israel, Philippines, Iran

Ilyumzhinov stays as Fide chief

TURIN, ITALY—KIRZAN ILYUMZHINOV remains at the helm of the World Chess Federation (Fide).

The 44-year-old president of the Republic of Kalmykia bested Bessel Kok of the Netherlands, 96-54, in the elections held Friday at the Olympic Village here to gain another four-year term.

A protégé of former Fide president Florencio Campomanes of the Philippines, Ilyumzhinov became the youngest-ever Fide president at 33 during a special Congress held in Paris in 1996.

Since then, Ilyumzhinov has spent over $40 million of his personal funds to propagate chess throughout the world.

Through Ilyumzhinov's initiative, the International Olympic Committee, under the late Juan Antonio Samaranach, gave official status to chess as a sport in 1999. As a consequence, chess is now calendared as a medal sport in events affiliated with the IOC.

Among Ilyumzhinov's achievements are the adoption of the knockout format in the World Championship, forging a relationship with the Association of Chess Profesionals and the expansion of the World Youth Championships into Olympic-size events.

Also elected were Deputy President Georgious Makropoulos of Greece, Vice President Lewis Ncube of Zambia, General Secrerary Ignatius Leung of Singapore and Treasurer Nigel Freman of Bermnuda. *Roy Luarca*

It doesn't change things

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Will you be as foolish as to test the limits of established rules?

Does the joy of child-like naughtiness still burn in your heart?

On May 27, Michael Schumacher was found guilty of "deliberately stopping his car in the middle of the track."

Occasion was the qualifying race for pole position in the Monaco Grand Prix.

The German had looked assured of his 67th pole in Formula One racing when he parked his car on the track at the Rascasse hairpin of Monaco.

His move brought out yellow flags, denying defending champion Spaniard Fernando Alonso of Renault to gain pole position.

Alonso said he could hardly believe that Schumacher, driving his flame-red Ferrari, had deliberately stopped on the track to gain an advantage.

"For sure, I'd have been on pole if I did not see the yellow flags," said Alonso. "I was three-tenths of a second up on the lap until then."

Then the Spaniard showed brinkmanship and sportsmanship.

"I am not going to give my true opinion on the matter here though," he said. "It is not the right place or time."

He got the pole after Schumacher was sacked, winning in Monaco the following day.

Schumacher had disputed the charge, but the International Motorsports Federation (FIA), Formula One's governing body, had something else in mind.

After an 8-hour deliberation on the issue, the FIA said: "Having compared all relevant data, the race stewards can find no justifiable reason for the driver to have braked with such undue, excessive and unusual pressure at this part of the circuit, and are therefore left with no alternative but to conclude that the driver deliberately stopped his car on the circuit in the last few minutes of qualifying."

You are a 7-time Formula One champion and they now tell in your face you are a cheat?

A stunned Schumacher said, "No, I didn't cheat—and I think it is pretty tough to be asked if I did."

He said he had attempted to find reverse when he realized his car was stranded in the racing line of the circuit—but the gear did not engage.

"I didn't really want to back up just by myself without knowing what was coming around the corner and finally, it stalled," said Schumacher.

A lie?

A 37-year-old driving legend, 15 years into F1 racing, can still lie through his teeth?

If you were Schumacher, already assured of greatness more than a comfortable life if you retire this very minute, would you have quit in disgust, if not in protest, over it?

Not Schumacher.

Shipped from first to last at the grid (he chose to start from pit lane) as penalty for a sin that seemed highly doubtful, Schumacher would next display fortitude and a fighting spirit rarely seen from someone thrown into such predicament.

In his usual brilliant driving dexterity, he sped like a rocket from the pit, overtook rivals one after the other and still eked out a gallant fifth-place finish.

Had there been maybe another one or a couple more laps, who knows Schumacher might have finished better—if not first.

At times, even the gods bow to legends.

The stunning podium finish gave the second-overall Schumacher a total of 43 points, still a huge 21 points behind leader Alonso (64) going to the British Grand Prix, which is set for June 11.

Schumacher has 7 days to mull over what's in store for him in the next leg.

If he races on or not, it doesn't change things.

One race, even one season, doesn't change one's stature.

You are a legend, that tag is yours for life.

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FASTBREAK. To friends of Mayo concerned over his health, Mayo is back on Friday at the Makati Med, where he was, sadly, administered "gamma" shots once more for his dreaded Kawasaki Disease. Mayo expresses his gratitude for your continuing help, prayers and concern. It is hoped that Sergio O. Valencia, the PCSO chair, would listen to pleas from the distraught parents of the 9-year-old Mayo, an incoming Grade IV at FEU-Fern—God permitting.

Shell Youth chess 8-leg circuit set June 24-25

THE ANNUAL SHELL NATIONAL YOUTH ACtive Chess Championship kicks off its eight-leg circuit this year with the National Capital Region eliminations at SM City Manila on June 24-25.

Registration fee is P50 for the ongoing listup with the sponsoring Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. expecting a record field in the country's biggest talent-search from both the chess-playing students and out-of-school youths.

The circuit will hop to key cities in the provinces—from up north in Tuguegarao and down south in Zamboanga—in Pilipinas Shell's effort to reach out to areas where chess has a big following.

Competition will be in two divisions—the juniors exclusively for players 20 years old and below (born not later than 1986), and the kiddies, for players 14 years old and below (born not later than 1992).

Baguio will host the second leg on July 8-9 at SM City Baguio before Tuguegarao takes its turn on July 22-23 at the People's Gymnasium in Tuguegarao City for the Northern Luzon legs. The Southern Luzon stage will be played Aug. 5-6 in SM City Batangas.

Action in the event, backed by Shell Better Mileage Gasolines (Super Premium, Super Unleaded, Velocity), Shell Diesoline Ultra, Shellane, McDonald's and Cebu Pacific, resumes on Aug. 19-20 (SM City Cebu) in Cebu City and on Sept. 2-3 (SM City Iloilo) in Iloilo for the Visayan legs.

The circuit winds up with the Mindanao legs on Sept 16-17 (SM City Davao) in Davao City and on Sept. 30-Oct. 1 (Ateneo de Zamboanga University Gymnasium) in Zamboanga.

Held in cooperation with SM Supermalls and sanctioned by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines (NCFP), the tourney will culminate in a grand finals on Oct. 21-22 at SM City North Edsa in Quezon City with the champion in the juniors division receiving P30,000 and the kiddie champion getting P20,000.

Leg winners in the junior and kiddies categories will also bring home P5,000 and P4,000, respectively.

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ASIAN 9-BALL

RP-Taiwan face-off looms

BANGKOK, THAILAND—THE PHILIPpines and Chinese Taipei are set for another 9-ball showdown as each country has three players advancing to the quarterfinals of the second leg of the San Miguel Asian 9-ball Tour 2006 late Friday here at the Bang Na Hall.

First leg winner Efren "Bata" Reyes together with fellow Filipinos Marlon Manalo and Ramil Gallego moved on the round of eight after topping their respective groups in the elimination round.

Not to be outdone, Chinese Taipei also had three of its own moving on to the quarterfinals as defending Tour champion Yang Ching-Shun, reigning World Pool champion Wu Chia Ching and two-time World Pool titlist Chao Fong Pang swept their respective assignments during the group stage.

Reyes, who beat Indonesian Ricky Yang, 9-5, and Japanese Masaaki Tanaka, 9-3, in Group 4, was set to face off against Chao in a mouth-watering quarterfinal match-up yesterday night.

Chao earned a trip to the round of eight following his 9-1 rout of hometown bet Amnuyporn Chotipong and a 9-8 thriller over Chinese Xu Meng in Group 5.

Manalo, who made up for his poor showing in Ho Chi Minh City, prevailed over Vietnamese Nguyen Phuc Long, 9-4, and Thai bet Vorawit Suriyasriwan, 9-7, in Group 2. The 2005 World Pool semifinalists was to take on Vietnam runner-up Li He Wen of China also yesterday.

The bespectacled Li topped Group 6 following victories over Toh Lian Han of Singapore (9-2) and Ibrahim Bin Amir of Malaysia (9-5).

Meanwhile, Gallego, a newcomer in this year's tour, actually earned a quarterfinal bath after winning a lucky draw.

The Bacolod City native posted an identical 1-1 record with Thais Mana Upraphai and Wanshana Poomjeang in Group 8. Gallego beat Uphraphai, 9-7, but lost to Poomjeang, 7-9. Poomjeang fell to Upraphai, 9-7 creating a triple tie. Gallego was unfortunate to win the tie-break draw conducted by officials of the Asian Pocket Billiards Union (APBU).

However, Gallego is bound for a tough task as he scheduled to clash with the 17-year-old phenomenon Wu.

Wu ruled Group 1 after wins over Nguyen Phuong Thao of Vietnam (9-7) and Roy Apanco of Indonesia (9-4).

The final quarterfinal match was set to pit defending overall Tour champion Yang and Au Chi Wai of Hong Kong.

Yang topped Group 7 with victories over Jeong Young-Hwa of South Korea (9-6) and countryman Wang Hung Hsiang (9-7) while Au eliminated Thailand's Tepwin Arunnath (9-7) and the Philippines' Francisco Bustamante (9-4).

The Asian Tour is the only ranking tour in Asia for players to qualify to the World Pool Championship. The top ten finishers at the end of this year's Tour will automatically enter the World Pool Championships. A total money purse of $40,000 is up for grabs in each leg of the event.

Now on its fourth year, the San Miguel Asian 9-ball Tour is offering a top prize of $10,000 for the champion of each leg and $5,000 to the runner-up.

EFREN "BATA" Reyes sustains hot form in San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour. AP

EVEREST CONQUERORS

Inudustrialist Dr. Lucio Tan (right) receives a mountaineer's ice ax from Arturo Valdez, leader of the 1st Philippine Mt. Everest Expedition, as mountaineering heroes Leo Oracion (left) and Erwin Emata (third from left) look on during a victory celebration at the Century Park Hotel recently. The Lucio Tan Group of Companies, through Philppine Airlines and Asia Brewery's Summit natural drinking water, was among the expedition's major backers.

Ozamiz trips Taguig; Iloilo downs Spring

OZAMIZ CITY—DEFENDING champion Ozamiz dealt Forward Taguig its second straight road setback, 85-78, Friday in the 2006 Guerrero Brandy-NBC national basketball championship at the Gov. Angel Medina Sr. gym here.

Ozamiz blanked Taguig for all but the last 38 seconds of the final 2:59 from 76-all.

Over at Pototan, Iloilo, the Iloilo Warriors shocked NBC president Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla's Spring Cooking Oil-Parañaque squad, 84-75.

The Warriors improved to 3-4 while dealing Parañaque its fourth loss in nine outings in the tourney sponsored by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Nature's Spring Mineral Water, Spring Cooking Oil, Regent Foods, Firefly Lightings, Molten and Prime Channel.

The scores:

First Game

Ozamiz 85—Basco 12, Cavan 12, Liangco 11, Bansil 11, Guerrero 10, Delina 8, Sampilo 7, Alberto 4, Ilanga 4, Yabut 2

Taguig 78—Castro 19, Gahol18, Abad 18, Reguera 10, Aclon 8, Dulay 5, Constantino 3, Uy 3, Magsambol 2, Lapinid 2, Dela Rosa 0

Quarters: 18-19, 38-45, 66-60, 85-78

Second Game

Iloilo 84—Balgos 17, Sanz 17, Leonida 16, Sinco 14, Senierez 9, Sencil 7, Sinaon 4, Poral 0

Spring-Parañaque 75—Yee 18, Morante 14, Epondulan 10, Manuel 10, Reyes 6, Capobres 4, De Castro 2, Cuenca 2, Bamson 2, Lagaso 2, Tiongco 1

Quarters: 19-21, 38-37, 60-50, 84-75

RACING

BY TOP CHOICE

Race 1—(Qrt/Tri)—Santa Fe (3), Ikaw Lamang (6), Diamond Sky (5), Lucky Fil (4)
Race 2—(Qrt/Tri)—Reign of Fire (4), Collective Dreams (2), Pulilan Beauty (8), Valentine Girl (7)
Race 3—(Qrt/Tri)—Batong Silyar (2), Speed Bullet (6), Erica's Talent (4), Hok Kee Hok (5)
Race 4—(Qrt/Tri)—Lady Cathy/He's A Batong (8), Song Bird (3), Princess Dancer (5), Top Quest/Zarafun Mo (4)
Race 5—(Penta/Tri/Qrt)—King's Dominion (7), Rivendel (1), Golden Connection (8), Mr. Victory (5), Mes Monique (9)
Race 6—(Qrt/Tri)—Binukafan's Pride (8), West 'N Wild (6), Napa Valley (4), Hurry Prince (3)
Race 7—(Qrt/Tri)—Tinder (2), Mamaya (4), Last Hazm (3), Leave No Doubt (1)
Race 8—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Joint Account (11), Interceptor (4), Andorra (10), Odyssey (13), Seniority (6)
Race 9—(Qrt/Tri)—Modern Classic (8), Latin Music (6), Lady Tycoon (2), Extreme Romance (4)
Race 10—(Qrt/Tri)—Golden Lance (6), Ali Ali Ali (1), Paminsanminsan (4), Prime Enforcer (5)
Race 11—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Western Legend (11), Classic Royals (10), Idol/Sea King (4), Diety (1), Truly Impressive (6)
Race 12—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Theres No Action (4), Rebecca's Magic (1), Renzie Stays (7), Lucky Joe (2)
Race 13—(Super 6/Qrt/Tri)—Il Amorosa (7), Honoree (3), Bronte (13), Batang Kalookan (6), Drink N Drink (4), Look Of Love (9)

Binay Cup today at Sta. Ana

SIX GALLOPERS, INCLUDING LONE LOCAL entry Last Hazm, slug it out today in the fifth running of the P450,000 Mayor Jejomar Binay Cup at the Santa Ana Park in Makati.

The Isle's Worth—Hazm progeny, owned by the dominant Hermie Esguerra stables, will be handled by Jeffril Zarate in the 1,500-meter race that offers P300,000 to the winner.

Esguerra has a string going after his horses, Real Spicy and Don Exequiel, ruled the last four major events including the rich First Gentleman Silver Cup and the first leg of the Triple Crown series last Sunday at the San Lazaro in Cavite.

The other contenders are imported chargers Leave No Doubt (Patty Dilema), Tinder (Joe Camu), Mamaya (Fernando Raquel), Fairy Queen (JB Cordero) and Vickyval (JB Bacaycay).

Five-year-old dark bay mare Tinder (USA) by Cherokee Run (USA) out of Office Fire (USA), is owned by lawyer Ed Moreno and trained by veteran Nick Atienza. He will be coming off an impressive victory last week and looms as the early favorite.

The race is a traditional event that helps mark the month-long celebration of the 336th founding anniversary of the city of Makati.

Second place will be worth P100,000, with third P50,000.

PTAA hosts shootout

THE PHILIPPINE TRAVEL AGENCIES Association (PTAA) will stage the PTAA/Accel 3-Point and Free Throw shooting contest on June 17 at the San Andres gym in Manila.

The event, which will run from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., is a joint project of the PTAA and the City of Manila, headed by Mayor Lito Atienza and Manila Sports Council chief Ali Atienza, the Presidential Assistant for Youth and Sports.

PTAA president Jose Clemente III and sports and fellowship committee chair Clarence Aytona said the event is open to all the group's members and the travelling public.

Registration is P150 for a chance to win cash prizes: P5,000 for the winner, p3,000 for the second placer and P2,000 for the third placer.

The first 500 participants to register before the June 8 deadline will be accommodated. For details call the PTAA Secretariat at 552-0026 to 28, 0906-4720370 or 0927-4745271.

Other sponsors are Lufthansa, British Airways, Asian Spirit, Duty Free, Skynet Travel, Asiana, Cebu Pacific, Macau Government Tourist Office, and Philippine Airlines.

SEN. Pia Cayetano shows the way for a group of riders during a recent fund-raising bikefest.

Misamis Oriental hosts 5th 'Bike for Hope'

SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO LEADS SOME 500 bike enthusiasts in promoting environmental awareness and the importance of a healthy lifestyle in the 5th "Bike for Hope" on June 17. The event will be over 100 kilometers and will pass through several towns in Misamis Oriental.

The advocacy ride kicks off in Cagayan de Oro City at 6 a.m. before threading a route that will pass through Tagoloan, Villanueva, Jasaan, Balingasag and Lagonglong towns and returning to the provincial capitol compound where a culminating program will be held.

The bikers are expected to complete the course in five hours at a relaxed pace of 30 kilometers per hour.

"Bike for Hope" is not a race, and is open to all kinds of cyclists, including occasional bikers.

"Men, women, children and senior citizens are encouraged to join and help bring our advocacies to the people of the province," said Cayatano, a member of the Philippine National Duathlon Team.

The 5th "Bike for Hope" is a joint effort of the Compañero Rene Cayetano Foundation with Misamis Oriental Gov. Oscar Moreno and the league of municipalities led by Tagoloan Mayor Yevgeny 'Bambi' Emano.

To usher in the event, Cayetano, who chairs the Senate Committee on health and demography, will pay a visit to the Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC) on June 16 to promote breastfeeding.

"Bike for Hope" community seminars, to be held from June 15 to 16, will tackle topics such as solid waste management, prevention of violence against women and breastfeeding.

Participating towns include Balingasag, Villanueva, Jasaan, Lagonglong, Salay, Balingoan, Tagoloan, Binuangan, Sugbongcogon and Talisayan.

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Olympic day run registration on

PHILIPPINE Olympic Committee Chair Robert Aventajado, chair of Philippine Olympic Festival, announced that registration for the June 18 Olympic Day Run (ODR) kicking off the 28-sport Philippine Olympic Festival revival is now underway. List-up center for the ODR, starting and finishing at Sports Camp, The Fort, Global City, City of Taguig, is POC Satellite Office, ground floor of PSC Administration building, Rizal Memorial Sports Complex (tel. no. 523-6280/fax no. 522-4896). On its 20th anniversary as an activity by the National Olympic Committees worldwide to celebrate the founding of the Olympic Movement, the ODR has McDonald's as official partner worldwide. In the country, Philippine Olympic Committee's official partners in the ODR consisting of 10K and 3K fun run are Philippine Sports Commission and Taguig City.

Maliteg-Obatay fly bout in Fistorama

FISTORAMA features this afternoon an exciting bout in the flyweight division between Ryan Maliteg and Edwin Obatay over 10 rounds, a fight recently held in La Trinidad, Benguet. Fistorama is shown worldwide twice weekly through ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV. The program, to be aired starting 3:30 p.m. over RPN 9, is supported by Tanduay, PCSO, Hope and Mapecon. Fistorama is the longest-running local TV sports program, and will be preceeded by "Golf Power Plus" at 3 p.m., which will feature the inaugural match between World Citi College Team I against St. Jude College Team 2 in the PCSO Women's Inter-Collegiate Beach Volleyball Challenge. Golf Power Plus, is also being backed by PCSO, Hope and Tanduay and can also been seen in the ABS-CBN Global Limited's The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV.

Begornia rips Garcia for squash title

PERENNIAL champion Arnel Begornia needed only three sets to overpower Robert Garcia, 9-3, 9-6, 9-4, and wrap up the division 1 crown of the recent SRAP/Milo national squash circuit at the Makati Sports Club courts. Ricky Espinola walloped Edgar Balleber, 9-3, 9-5, 9-3, to finish third, while Edmar Carillo ruled division 2 after subduing Ciano Lapore, 9-5, 9-2, 5-9, 9-2, in the finals. P.J. Austria wound up third with a 9-5, 9-6, 9-3 thrashing of Gambi Lichauco. The tourney was organized by the Squash Rackets Association of the Philippines headed by Romeo M. Ribano and sponsored by Milo.

Makati Anniversary cockfest June 7

THE WTJ Sports and Amusement Corp., operator of cockfighting and other sports events at Makati Coliseum, will present the 1st Anniversary 5- cock derby this Wednesday, June 7, with B-Meg Derby Ace as exclusive sponsor. No less than P1 million in guaranteed prize awaits the winners. Entry fee is only P25,000. In the first week of June last year, bigtime derbies as well as other sports events and concerts began at Makati Coliseum under the management of WTJ Sports and Amusement Corp. which is headed by promoters Lito Orillaza, Rudy Salud and William Co .Meanwhile, members of the Pinoy Cockers Association of the Philippines (PCAP) are reminded to submit entries today in connection with the upcoming 5- cock derby on Monday, June 5. For more details, please call 896 -3545 and 895 -6475.

P5 M at stake in SJC International Derby

A staggering guaranteed prize of P5 million, the biggest this year, is at stake in the first -ever SJC 9 - Cock International Derby slated June 5, 7 and 9 at San Juan Coliseum with Sagupaan Complexor 3000 as sponsor. SJC pit manager Pete Rivera said the prize will be jacked up to P6 million if the actual number of entries reach 120. Since this is a 9-cock derby, a participant will have to go through the wringer before winning the championship, said Rivera. The elimination round (2- cock) starts at 2 p.m. on June 5 featuring more than 100 fights. Semifinal round (3- cock) unfolds on June 7 and the 4-cock finals on June 9. Submission of weights and respective entry names are set today, S from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.For other inquiries, please call 725 -5369 and 725 -6563 or 0917 -8041691 (look for Ronnie).

Ardina strikes again

Rodriguez, Paz also prevail in Jakarta

JAKARTA—DOTTIE ARDINA, CYna Rodriguez and Bambee dela Paz delivered three victories for the Philippines Friday in the Jakarta Asian junior golf championships to highlight a fruitful summer campaign abroad for Filipino kids at the Damai Indah Golf and Country Club in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Ardina, showing why she's among the world's best in her age group, picked up a second straight international title in runaway fashion, closing out with a 74 for a 221 total and a whopping 21-stroke victory over local bet Noviandra in girls' Class C (11-12 years division).

Rodriguez came from behind to rule girls' Class B with a two-underpar 70 on the final day, completing a 1-2 finish for the Philippines as Mia Piccio placed second at 219 after a 74, beating two-day leader Chang Li Ling of Taiwan in the countback.

Rodriguez's final day charge also enabled her and dela Paz to capture the team title in the girls division. They totaled 446 to beat Taiwan by six strokes.

Dela Paz and reigning RP Ladies Open champ Debbie de Villa settled for second in the Class A individual won by Sudjasmin of Indonesia.

The RP boys, however, failed to stop the Taiwanese juggernaut.

Miko Yee placed third behind two Taiwanese in boys' Class A while Wolen Superal and Marcel Puyat wound up second and fourth, respectively, in boys' Class B.

Yee and Puyat also settled for the runner-up trophy in the team competition likewise behind Taiwan.

Officials of the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines praised the local kids for working so hard to prove that they can compete against the best in the world.

"We have the best jungolf talents in the world and we have this victorious campaign in Indonesia to prove it," said Jungolf chair Amalia Montecillo in Manila. The Filipinos are all members of the ICTSI team training under Bong Lopez.

They now train their guns on next month's Junior World campaign in San Diego, California where Wolen Superal won last year's 11-12 years division and Ardina had placed second in different age-groups in two of the last three years.

ARDINA scores her second straight international title by winning in Jakarta yesterday. PDI PHOTO

Miranda powers MTBA bowlers

By Marc Anthony Reyes

BANNERED BY RAOUL MIRANDA, MTBA rolled 1238 pinfalls to lead men's Class O, while Marjo Reyes of RP Youth scored 1193 to pace the women's side Friday night at the start of the PBC-Boysen International Open tenpin bowling championships.

The tournament, which will run until June 17, started with club competitions but will soon have a sprinkling of foreign flavor with the arrival of an international field next week, according to Philippine Bowling Association president Steve Hontiveros.

Miranda had 416, while teammates Willie Natividad and Garry Custodio helped with 409 and 413, respectively, as MTBA paced the RP Youth and TBAM-Prima Powerbowl squads, which tallied 1232 and 1180, respectively, in Day 1 at the Green Valley lanes in Pasig.

Reyes totaled 430 to lead RP Youth, which also got worthy performances from Holly Josef (403) and Apple Posadas (360).

Steve Robles led the PSB team with a 418 to lead Class A division with a 1171 total, while Benny Almazar turned in 381, with Pert Constantino carding a 372.

TBAM-Prima-Powerbowl took second place with 1151 through the efforts of Kenneth Chua (446), Adrian Saguinsin (363) and Marvin Reyes (342). PBA is currently in third with 1071 as John Tiongson, RJ San Diego and Philip Rillorta registered 370, 354 and 347, respectively.

PWBA leaned on Eve Lombos, Rory Villena and Carmen Talosig for 1036 total and the opening day lead in women's Class A. The trio upstaged the legendary Bong Coo's team, which laid it second place with a 1036 despite the former World Cup champion's 308.

TBAM zoomed to the lead in men's Class B through Anjo Lecaros (457), Bryan Gabay (349) and Cymon Castilo (329) for a 1135 total. TBAM-PrimaPowerbowl is at second place with 1119 through Angelo Carandang (401), Collins Jose (364) and Anton Alcazaren (354). QCBA is at third with 1051.

In the women's side PBA's Mila Robles, Tintin Robles and Nelia Santos came through with 1143 to take the lead, pacing UBA and TBAM which tallied 1009 and 1002, respectively.

Asuncions lead P1M Open banner cast

KENNIE AND KENNEVIC ASUNCION, fresh from their remarkable stint in the recent Philippine Open, set out again as the favorites when they lead a banner cast seeking top honors in the P1 million JVC Open Badminton Championships slated July 3-10 at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati.

But the exposure and experience that the 19 other Filipino bets gained from their stint in the Bingo Bonanza RP Open should give them some confidence against the Asuncions, who swept the singles crowns in the centerpiece elite masters category aside from taking the mixed doubles title last year.

Among those expected to shine in the event serving as the highlight of the year-long tournament put up by top electronics firm JVC (PHILS), Inc., are Karyn Velez and Irene Chiu, who both reached the second round of the RP Open before succumbing to superior rivals.

Jaime Junio and Lloyd Escoses, on the other hand, are expected to crowd Kennevic Asuncion for the top P35,000 purse in the men's side along with other RP Open veterans Christopher Flores, Alfredo Mailom, Kelvin Ang, Marlon Villarin, Owen Lopez, Rodel Bartolome, Wilson Frias, Arolas Amahit, Jr., Ben Garcia, Mark Natividad and Wally Fernandez.

Also at stake are Pioneer Life personal accident gift certificates worth P100,000, medals, JVC items plus other fabulous prizes from backers Victor, exclusively distributed by Pcome Industrial Sales, Inc., Bacchus Energy Drink, Lactacyd, Snickers Chocolates, LTIMEstudio, Lifestyle Watch Store, Alaska, Ayala Center, Accel, Sunbolt and PowerSmash.

Seven other categories are on tap in the biggest and richest badminton tournament in the land, supported by The Philippine STAR, Pinoy Exchange, Solar Sports and Magic 89.9, with the elite division offering P12,000 to each winner in five classes. The juniors and veteran elite sides stake P8,000 while the veteran novice offers P6,000 to each champion.

The JVC Open Corporate Cup, featuring the top badminton-playing executives and corporate bigwigs, is offering P50,000 to the champion, while P120,000 will be staked in the Celebrity Cup and another P20,000 in the alumni tournament.

Registration is ongoing according to the organizing IMG. For details, log on to www.jvcbadminton.com; contact/text the JVC secretariat at 894-2995, 8929866, 725-2568 or tx: 0917 8050702, 0917-805-0601 or 0917-532-8970 or email at jvcbadminton@hotmail.com or jvcopenbadminton@gmail.com. Entry forms can also be downloaded from the event's website and can be sent through fax at 894-2995 and 892-9866.

The Asuncions outdid themselves in the RP Open by finishing second in the mixed doubles, bowing to world No. 11 Saralee Thoungthongkam and Sudket Prapakamol of Thailand.

KENNEVIC Asuncion (foreground) and sister Kennie face the country's best in next month's JVC Open championship. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Apostol, pal dominate Eastridge's Limestone

ARIZ APOSTOL AND CHRISTOpher Ruste aggregated 135 points for two days to win the overall championship of the ninth Limestone Tee, the member-guest tournament of the Eastridge Golf Club in Binangonan, Rizal recently.

Apostol and Ruste finished just two points ahead of Yeon Bak Chung and Chris delos Santos after 36 holes of play that featured net aggregate in the first round and then best ball in the second.

Yeon and delos Santos went on to clinch the Group III title as did Chino Raymundo-Edmund Yee in Group I, Bum Sik Kim-Yong Suck Bang in Group II, Julito Labiano-Jun Hizon in Group IV and Jun Jun Plana-Francis Go in the sponsors division.

Major sponsors of the tournament were Pagcor, director Gerry Limlingan, Mountaingate Golf Services, Inc., Segye Travel and Tours, Wilson Phils, Kart Plaza, Inc., Mazda Makati, Golden Arches Dev't Corp., Fiesta Resort and Casino, Raindbird and The Turf Co.

Minor sponsors were San Miguel Corp., Club Filipino, Citibank, Heaven's Gate, Mayor Mon Ilagan, Omniscape Group, Inc., Sba Printers, Inc.

Highest pointers for Day 1 were Apostol and Lustre with 83 points and Eric del Rosario-Nilo Mercado for Day 2 with 59.

The results:

Overall champion-Ariz Apostol-Christopher Ruste 135

Group I: 127 Chino Raymundo-Edmund Yee, 122 Andrei Cornejo-RJ Barreto, 120 Dennis Nicomedes-Rodel Mangulabnan

Group II: 131 Bum Sik Kim-Yok Suck Bang, 131 Chez Roque-Angelo Anzures, 130 Alex Ignacio-Dong Sumampong

Group III: 133 Yeon Bak Chung-Chris delos Santos, 132 Wel Agregado-OY Casilian, 125 Jay Pabalan-Mike Morales

Group IV: 127 Julito Labiano-Jun Hizon 127, 125 Mario Diaz-William Chua, 125 Luis Tiu-Eli Ngkaion

Sponsors: 210 Jun Jun Plana-Francis Go, 212 Hiroshi Koyanagi-Christian delos Santos

Boracay rowers sink HK rivals

ILOILO CITY-ROWERS FROM BOracay Island won the mixed team race and placed third in the women's division of the 39th Circus Capital Stanley Dragon Boat Championship on Wednesday in Hong Kong.

"Our kababayans cheered for us all the way," said Nenette Aguirre-Graf, a member of the women's team, told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

The Bugsay-Boracay teams earlier topped their respective heats.

The two teams include 15 resort owners, Boracay-based expatriates, hotel and resort workers and residents of the island. *Nestor P. Burgos Jr., PDI Visayas Bureau*

UE, Cebu's USP spikers arrange volley showdown

DEFENDING CHAMPION UNIVERsity of the East made short work of Iloilo's Passi National High to set up a title showdown with Cebu's University of Southern Philippines for the Shakey's Tournament of Champions title.

The Lady Warriors, fresh from winning the Shakey's Girls Volleyball Invitational League (GVIL), got a combined 29 kills from Giza Yumang and Kristel Rosale in a 25-23, 25-12, 25-21 domination of Passi.

The high school team from Cebu clobbered Monserrat High of Bacolod, 25-14, 25-17, 25-23 after Teresa Caballero and Frika Verano combined for 16 kills.

UE will go for back-to-back titles against the USP side in today's championship showdown set at 1 p.m. at the Ateneo Blue Eagle gym.

Passi National High School and Monserrat Lopez High dispute third place in the 10 a.m. first game of the tournament sponsored by Dunkin Donuts, Toby's Sports, Mikasa, the official volleyball, Asics and Air Philippines.

Meanwhile, defending champion La Salle was pushed to the limit by San Sebastian before prevailing, 21-25, 23-25, 25-9, 25-21, 15-5, in the V League semifinals Friday night.

The Lady Archers had to come back from two sets down to keep their unblemished record intact. La Salle stayed in the lead with an 8-0 card, while the Lady Stags dropped to 4-4.

Castillo, Magnaye gain finals

GELITA CASTILLO AND PETER Magnaye scored straight-set victories to advance to the finals of the 14-under division of the JVC Open Junior Badminton Championships at SM Mall of Asia over the weekend.

Castillo thumped Centro Atletico teammate Jessalam Sampurna, 21-14, 21-6, to arrange a showdown for the girls' singles crown with PNP's Abegail Garcia, who upended Malvinne Ann Alcala, 21-12, 7-21, 21-18, in the other semis match.

Magnaye, also playing out of PNP, continued to stamp his class in boys' play, whipping Ralp Ubungin, 21-6, 21-9, and setting up a title duel with Kelvin Panganiban of LSCA.

Panganiban, who went through a wringer before subduing Virgil Del Mundo, 21-18, 13-21, 22-20, in the quarters of this event sponsored by JVC (PHILS.), Inc., outlasted Nikko Angsico, 21-18, 14-21, 21-19.

The finals, featuring the future of RP badminton, will be held today starting at 10 a.m. with the 10-under championships followed by the 12-under title playoffs at 12 noon and the centerpiece 14-under event at 2 p.m. Also on tap are the finals in the boys and girls doubles.

Alvin Morada downed Gio Martin Pinpin, 21-14, 21-11, to forge a clash with Carlo Remo for the 10-under boys singles diadem in the tournament backed by Victor, exclusively distributed by Pcome Industrial Sales, Bingo Bonanza, Snickers Chocolate, Hanford, L-Time Studio, Lactacyd, Alaska, Pinoy Exchange, Pioneer Life, Accel, PowerSmash, The STAR, Sunbolt and Rudy Project.

Remo tripped Joshua Monterubio, 21-14, 21-15. Marina Caculitan, on the other hand, outsteadied Joella de Vera, 21-19, 21-18, and gained a crack at the girls' 10-under crown against Cassandra Grace Lim, who repulsed Patrice Ismael, 22-20, 21-15.

Alvarez gears up for Asian karting

CEBU RACING GROUP'S JOHN Alvarez, the reigning Junior Karter of the Year, is all charged up for the Asian Open Karting Championship following his big triumph in the ROK Junior class in the third leg of the 2006 Shell-Cali Superkarting Series at the Carmona Circuit Philippines recently.

Alvarez outmaneuvered Javi Benitez on the first turn of the last lap to rule the 20-lap race in 14 minutes 26.438 seconds to win by only 0.380 seconds after two runner-up finishes this season.

He also posted the fastest laptime of 45.181 seconds.

CRG race engineer Jed Neri, who was credited for the superb job on the winner's kart, cited John's more mature outlook as shown by his daring moves and timely judgment during the race.

"It was a calculated risk. John was more composed under pressure this time. He showed a lot of heart when he made that pass on Benitez on the last lap and shut all doors all the way to the finish line," said Neri of Alvarez, who is backed by Paramount Insurance, Prestige Cars BMW, Castrol Racing, Sunbolt Sports Drink, and Thunder Energy Drink.

"It's a good tune-up for John and I believe he'll be one of the country's best bets for honors in the coming Asian Karting championship especially against the talented Indonesians who'll be coming in with their high-tech engines," he added.

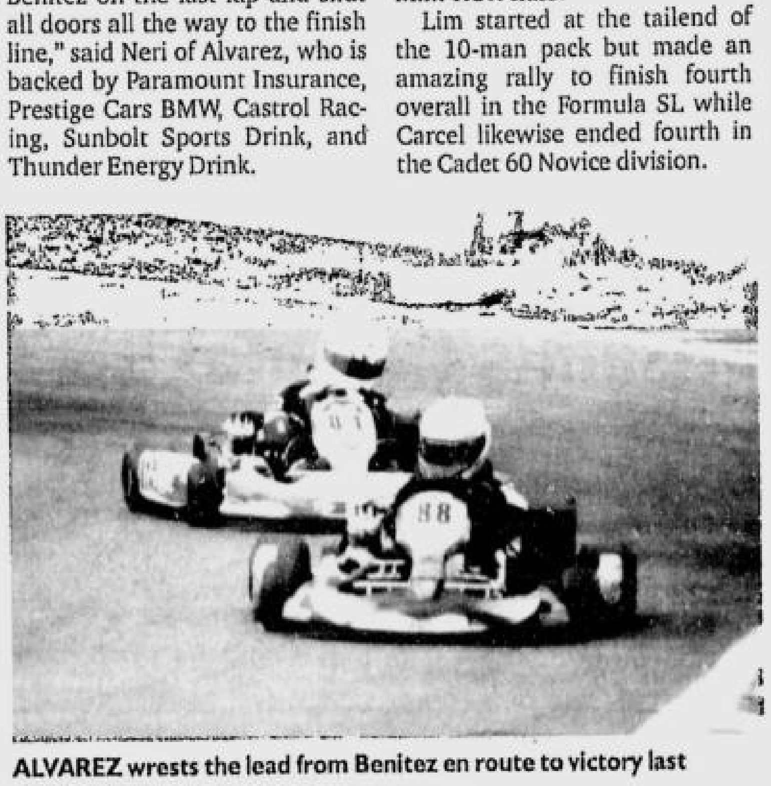
Alvarez led most of the way but Benitez grabbed the upperhand with two laps to go. John never gave up, however, and his patience paid off when he grabbed the lead to set the stage for the heart-stopping climax of their encounter.

Manger Calderon delivered the other big win for the Cebu Racing Group as he captured the ROK Senior crown over Toti Turalba and Mon Tanjuatco.

Four other CRG karters - Tiny Go, Jette Calderon, Brian Lim and Tonyo Carcel -- also made it to the podium.

Go took third place honors in the Rotax Max Novice division while the seven-year-old Calderon finished fourth in the Mini-ROK class.

Lim started at the tailend of the 10-man pack but made an amazing rally to finish fourth overall in the Formula SL while Carcel likewise ended fourth in the Cadet 60 Novice division.



ALVAREZ wrests the lead from Benitez en route to victory last weekend.

Nadal, Federer continue march

But Spanish hotshot deals Swiss rival a huge 'psychological blow'

PARIS—DEFENDING champion Rafael Nadal struck the first psychological blow in his French Open title duel against Roger Federer on Friday.

While Nadal cruised into the third round with his 55th consecutive clay court victory, world No. 1 Federer endured a lengthy struggle to put down the resistance of Chile's Olympic champion Nicolas Massu.

Federer squeezed past Massu, 6-1, 6-2, 6-7 (4/7), 7-5 in a two-hour, 35-minute encounter and will now face Czech 20th seed Tomas Berdych for a place in the quarterfinals.

Nadal took 30 minutes less to beat American lucky loser Kevin Kim, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 in a match held over from Thursday and now faces French 29th seed Paul-Henri Mathieu for a fourth round spot.

Federer, bidding to become the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to hold all four Grand Slam titles at the same time, was in cruise control early on against Massu.

But he inexplicably suffered a bout of mid-match nerves when he served for the match at 6-5 in the third set before he regained the initiative in a tight fourth set.

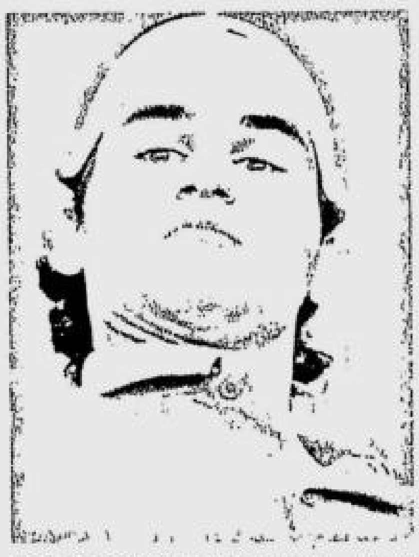
Federer shrugged off the lapse.

"I was aggressive, I was serving well and I dominated from the baseline," he said.

"I just didn't play a good service game at 6-5. But I never felt like I would go out today. I felt in control and I knew I was serving well enough to beat this guy."

Nadal turns 20 on Saturday and is determined to make it a double celebration by seeing off his French opponent.

NADAL: Cruising AFP


FEDERER: Mid-match nerves REUTERS

"Although I will be playing a Frenchman, I don't think there will be any extra pressure. It's just a tennis match and I will have to play well," he said.

Third seeded Argentinian David Nalbandian came back from two sets down to beat Russia's Dmitry Tursunov, 2-6, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4, and now meets compatriot and qualifier Martin Vassallo Arguello for a place in the quarterfinals.

America's James Blake, the eighth seed, recovered from a first set loss to defeat dangerous Spanish teenager Nicolas Almagro.

Blake had dropped the opening set when play was suspended on Thursday but he thrived in the sunnier, faster conditions on Friday to record a 6-7 (5/7), 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 win.

Croatian 12th seed Mario Ancic, who was fined $3,000 for a bust-up with Chile's Paul Capdeville in his previous match, made the fourth round for the first time with a 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 win over Spain's Albert Montanes.

Ancic will face Spanish seventh seed Tommy Robredo who put out the Czech Republic's Lukas Dlouhy, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

In stark contrast to the men's event, the women's tournament was sedate.

Top seed Amelie Mauresmo brushed aside Serbia's Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 6-3 to set up a fourth round tie with Czech 16th seed Nicole Vaidisova.

"Everything was perfect today," said the 26-year-old Mauresmo, bidding to add her home title to the Australian Open crown she captured in January.

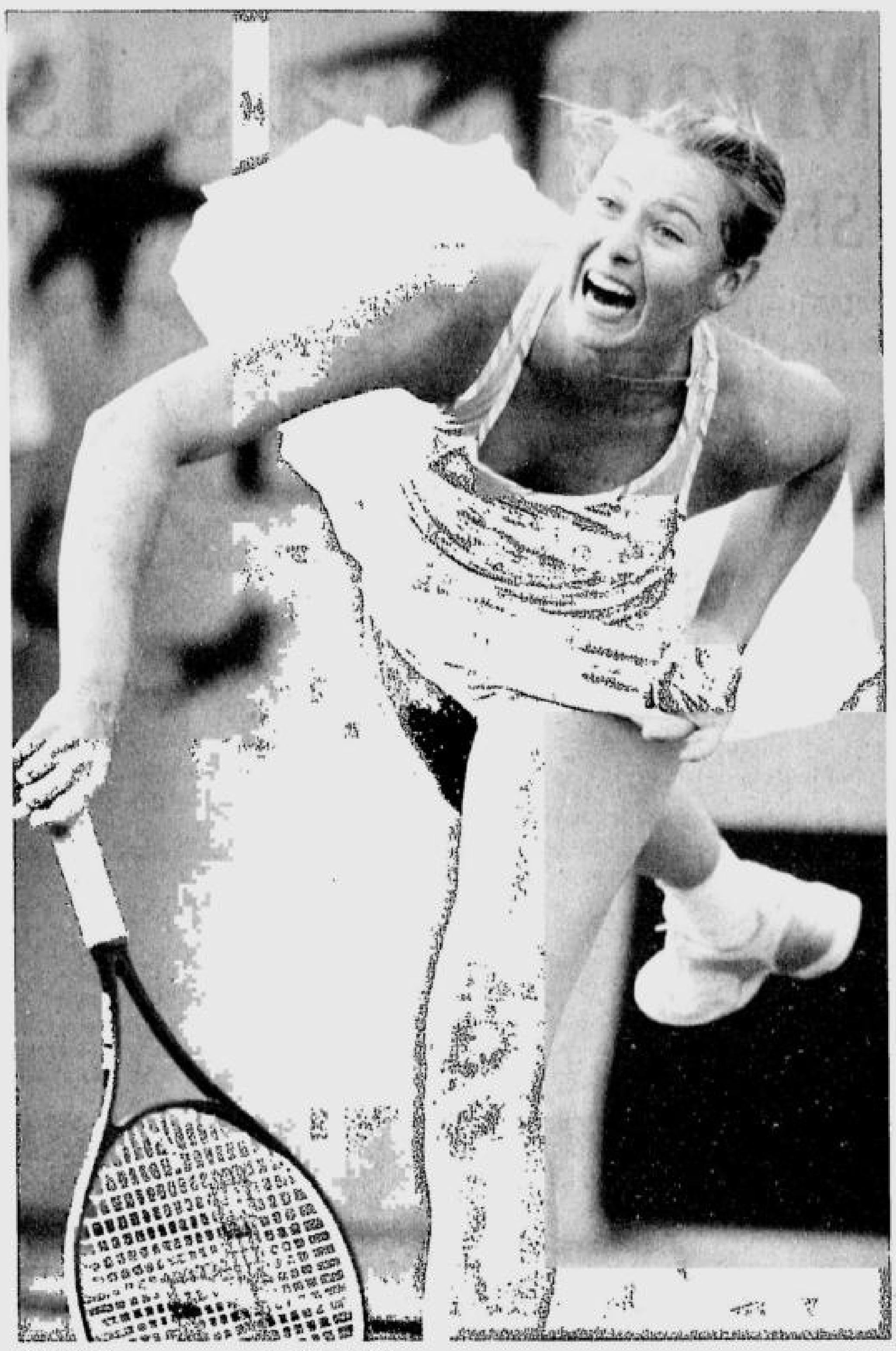
Fourth seed Maria Sharapova, who is scheduled to face Mauresmo in the semifinals, also reached the last 16 by defeating Alicia Molik of Australia, 6-0, 7-5.

The Russian will next play compatriot Dinara Safina for a quarterfinal slot.

Martina Hingis and Kim Clijsters also ruthlessly exposed the gulf in talent in women's tennis when they stormed into the third round.

Hingis, the 12th seed, crushed Zuzana Ondraskova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-3 in just 49 minutes.

Clijsters, the second seed, took six minutes longer to see off Spain's Conchita Martinez Granados, 6-0, 6-3. *AFP*


MARIA Sharapova serves to Alicia Molik. REUTERS

World Cup: It's likely Europe vs South America

LONDON—MESSAGE TO THE ASIANS, Africans, Americans and Australians going to the World Cup. Enjoy the trip.

This World Cup should wind up with Europe vs South America—again.

With soccer's biggest event back on European soil, the only "visitors" likely to make an impact are South American powerhouses Brazil and Argentina, who could well meet in the July 9 final in Berlin.

Fourteen of the 32 teams are from Europe, four from South America, five from Africa, four from Asia, four from North and Central America and one from Oceania—Australia is making an appearance for the first time since 1974.

Six teams make their debuts and there are hopes that some of the outsiders could emulate what happened at the last World Cup, when South Korea made it all the way to the semifinals as co-host with Japan, which advanced to the second round.

Don't expect it this time.

The way the draw pans out, the only newcomer likely to make it to the second round is Ukraine, which should have enough quality to beat Tunisia and Saudi Arabia and maybe get at least a tie with Group H favorite Spain.

The South Koreans might make it to the last 16 by beating Switzerland and newcomer Togo, but shouldn't be strong enough to topple group favorite France.

The United States makes its fifth appearance in a row, reaching the quarterfinals four years ago before losing to Germany 1-0. In a tough group with Italy and the Czech Republic, the Americans will do extremely well to get that far this time unless they beat the Czechs in their opening game.

Look for the Czechs and Italians to advance from this group, while rookie Ghana, despite having Chelsea midfielder Michael Essien in the lineup, is expected to finish last.

Grouped with Brazil, the Australians are effectively chasing second place along with Croatia and Japan. A victory over the Japanese would be an ideal start for the Aussies, but then comes a game against the Brazilians, who should make it through from Group F along with the Croats.

Having led Brazil to its fifth title four years ago, Luiz Felipe Scolari is now in charge of Portugal and is in a comparatively easy Group D along with Mexico, Iran and newcomer Angola. Making their 13th appearance, the Mexicans should be the other team to advance to the last 16, but don't look strong enough to make it to the quarterfinals.

The toughest group of all has Argentina taking on the Netherlands and Serbia-Montenegro. First-timer Ivory Coast hopes to make an impact with Chelsea striker Didier Drogba and Arsenal defender Kolo Toure.

Star-studded Argentina should beat the Ivorians in their opening game, with the two European teams meeting a day later in what could be a decisive game. Argentina and the Netherlands should squeeze through.

With the entire draw mapped out, the second round should throw up some intriguing matchups, such as Brazil-Italy and Portugal-Netherlands. Germany-England is another possibility if only one of them wins a group.

A three-time champion and runner-up to Brazil four years ago, a comparatively inexperienced Germany has to live with the pressure of being host. If Juergen Klinsmann's players make it to the quarterfinals, they could meet Argentina.

As for France, it's difficult to predict which team will show up. Four years ago, the French went into the World Cup as defending and also European champions, yet failed to score a goal and went out in the first round.

This year's team still has six of the 1998 World Cup-winning squad and, although the talent is there and the draw appears kind, the French may struggle to go all the way to the final. *AP*

Sorenstam, Redman share ShopRite lead

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY—TRYING to snap out of an uncharacteristic victory drought, Annika Sorenstam shot a 7-under 64 for a share of the opening-round lead in the ShopRite LPGA Classic on Friday.

Winless in her last six starts, Sorenstam sank a 7-foot putt for eagle on the ninth hole and gained momentum from there, making four back-nine birdies to move into a tie with Michele Redman.

"Obviously, I'm very happy with the round," Sorenstam said. "I thought I played good golf—a mixture of good drives, good approach shots and I rolled in a few putts."

Laura Diaz, Seon-Hwa Lee and Amy Hung were one stroke back.

Erica Blasberg, Sophie Gustafson, Catriona Matthew, Ai Miyazato and 18-year-old Morgan Pressel were all in contention, two strokes off the pace at 66.

Lorena Ochoa, the tour's leading money winner this year, opened with a 70 and two-time winner Juli Inkster shot a 72.

Hoping to successfully defend the title she won last year, Sorenstam got off to a quick start on the muggy, buggy Seaview Resort & Spa course.

After a birdie on the third hole, she hit the green in two on the 495-yard fifth hole, then two-putted for birdie.

The eagle at No. 9 seemed to energize her. On the next hole, she hit a sand wedge to 7 ft and made the birdie putt. On No. 13, she hit a pitching wedge to 8 feet and made that putt, too.

But the shot of the day came on the 15th, when she holed a 30-foot putt for birdie to move within a stroke of Redman, who was already in the clubhouse.

She nearly picked up two on the par-5 final hole, recovering from a stray tee shot with a 105-yard approach that came within inches (centimeters) of the cup, leaving an easy tap-in for birdie and her share of the lead.

It was the same hole where she made a 38-foot putt for eagle to ice her 2005 victory over Inkster.

"I love that hole," said Sorenstam, also the 1998 and 2002 winner.

Redman, looking for her first tour victory since 2000, reeled off five consecutive birdies in her round after a solid but unspectacular front nine.

She made a 12-foot putt on the 407-yard par-4 No. 2, then two-putted from 40 feet on the next hole for another birdie. *AP*

SORENSTAM AP

Beckham still dwells in fishbowl

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND—WHEN DAVID Beckham went shopping during a break in England training this week, he was "kidnapped" in a prank by a teammate then mobbed by hundreds of fans when he got to the store.

Just another day in the fishbowl life of one of the world's most recognizable soccer players.

Beckham has been in the soccer spotlight since 1996, and his fame only grew when a year later he began dating "Posh Spice" Victoria, a member of the now defunct pop band Spice Girls.

He moved from Manchester United to Spain's Real Madrid in 2003, but it's not stopped the British fascination with "Becks" and his life with Victoria and their three sons.

"I come back to Manchester, where I spent 15 years of my football career and my life and get the reception like I did," Beckham said.

"And even in London a few weeks ago, I had the same. I couldn't get out of the shop and six policemen had to help me out. It does still surprise me, but it's a nice thing to have that sort of effect—when people want to shake your hand or want to get autographs or want to nick your hat."

Beckham fell foul of a prank by England teammate Rio Ferdinand on Wednesday, filmed for a television program. Ferdinand arranged for a car chauffeuring Beckham to drive aimlessly through Manchester's less salubrious suburbs.

"I saw the headlines after but there wasn't one minute that I thought I was being kidnapped," Beckham said. "I just thought I had a really, really pain-in-the-backside security man."

When the driver wouldn't stop, Beckham decided to escape. Such is his world, he didn't find the sight of a camera crew in the car behind unusual.

"In Spain, that happens to us every day," he said. "It's not paparazzi every day, it's camera crews." *AP*

CARL Pettersson blasts out on the eighth hole. AFP

Pettersson rises on rainy Memorial day

DUBLIN, OHIO—CARL PETTERSSON WOULD have to consider this a good day. He made five birdies in the five hours he spent on the golf course, and had only one milkshake in the six hours he spent inside the locker room during a rainy Friday at the Memorial.

The best part of all was he finished his round and was atop the leaderboard.

Pettersson made up ground quickly after a six-hour rain delay by playing bogey-free in his round of 5-under 67, making him the leader in the clubhouse by two shots with more than two-thirds of the field unable to finish the second round.

"It's nice to be finished," Pettersson said.

The outcry over the furrowed bunkers was quickly forgotten when a steady rain which began at dawn saturated Muirfield Village Golf Course.

"Twelve hours for 18 holes. That must be a world record," Ernie Els said after a 70 brought him back to even par, eight shots out of the lead but extending his streak to 34 tournaments making the cut.

Pettersson returned to the course and struck a 7-iron to 10 feet on the sixth hole for birdie, and continued moving up the leaderboard until he was at 8-under 136.

Sean O'Hair birdied three of his first six holes and also was at 8 under when play was suspended. Steve Flesch (72) and Zach Johnson (68) each dropped a shot over the final two holes to finish at 6-under 138.

It was the 10th round in the last seven years at the Memorial that a round has not been completed because of weather.

The day felt so long that David Howell, who opened with a 69, was walking along a muddy path near the clubhouse just before 8 p.m. when someone asked him how he had fared.

"Actually," Howell said, "I've yet to play."

At least he showed up.

New Orleans winner Chris Couch, who opened with a 76, started the second round with a bogey and a double bogey when play was suspended. He didn't bother returning, and neither did Steve Lowery, who was 9 over for the tournament. *AP*

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Miami seals 1st Finals stint

'Shaq Attack' helps Heat finish off Detroit Pistons

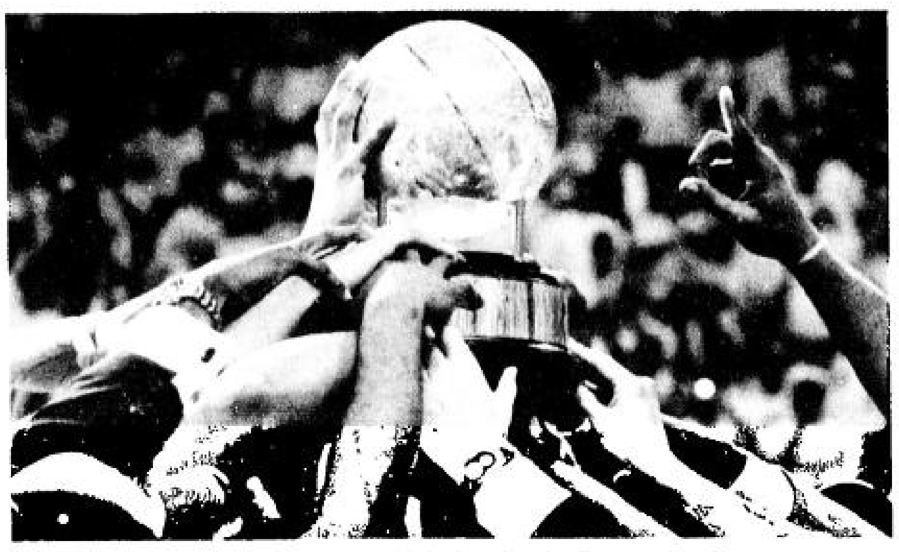
MIAMI—THE MIAMI HEAT booked their first appearance in the National Basketball Association finals on Friday with a 95-78 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

The victory gave the Heat a 4-2 victory in the Eastern Conference finals, ending the Pistons' two-year reign as conference champions.

And it put the Heat into the NBA championship series for the first time in the franchise's 18-year history. They will face the winner of the Western Conference final series between Dallas and Phoenix.

"Our work is just beginning," Miami coach Pat Riley said. "Our guys came through and put the hammer down." A huge game from superstar Shaquille O'Neal and hot shooting from Jason Williams allowed the Heat to overcome Dwyane Wade's untimely bout with the flu.

Miami avenged last year's disappointing loss in the conference finals, when they held the lead with less than two minutes to play in game seven at home but were denied by Detroit.



MEMBERS of the Miami Heat squad jointly raise the Eastern Conference championship trophy after the match.
REUTERS

Wade toiled through that game with bruised ribs.

He was again at less than 100 percent, having missed practice and received intravenous fluids in hospital before playing 37 minutes.

But O'Neal unleashed a trademark "Shaq Attack" and Williams finally found his shooting touch.

The Heat took the lead for good in the first quarter and took off in the third period, when Wade finally got into the act.

O'Neal finished with 28 points on 12-of-14 shooting and grabbed 16 rebounds. Williams made his first 10 shots before missing his last two, finishing with 21 points.

The ailing Wade had 14 points and 10 assists. He missed the start of the second half to take fluids and scored Miami's last eight points of the third quarter to open a 72-53 lead.

"We didn't know if Dwyane was really going to play," Riley said. "We felt he'd be here, but I mean, Shaquille is Shaquille. We couldn't get him the ball enough."

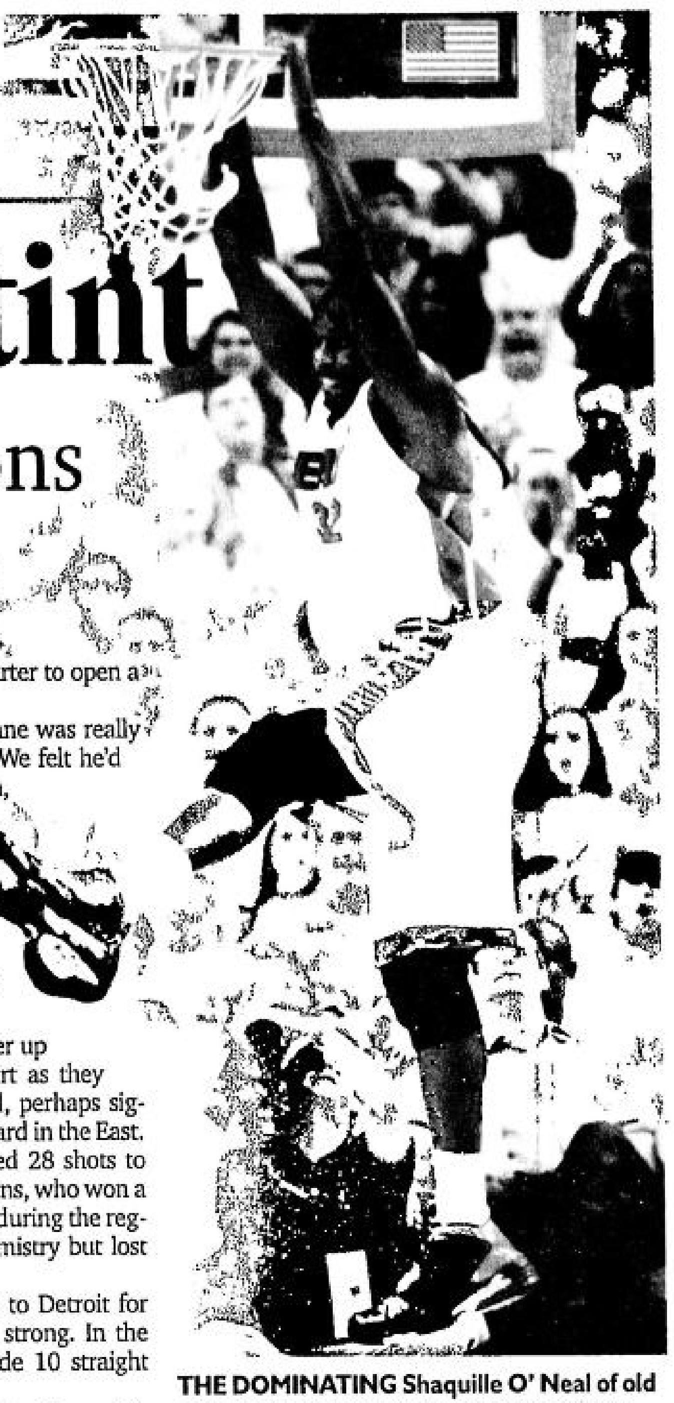
The Pistons had been 11-2 in elimination games over the last four years, including 3-0 this season.

But they could not muster up another season-saving effort as they were thoroughly outplayed, perhaps signaling a changing of the guard in the East.

Richard Hamilton needed 28 shots to score 33 points for the Pistons, who won a franchise-record 64 games during the regular season with crisp chemistry but lost their edge in the playoffs.

Eager to avoid a return to Detroit for Game 7, the Heat started strong. In the first quarter, the Heat made 10 straight shots—none by Wade.

"Shaq carried them," Hamilton said. "They came out and attacked." *AFP*



THE DOMINATING Shaquille O' Neal of old slam dunks his way to the Finals donning a third NBA jersey.
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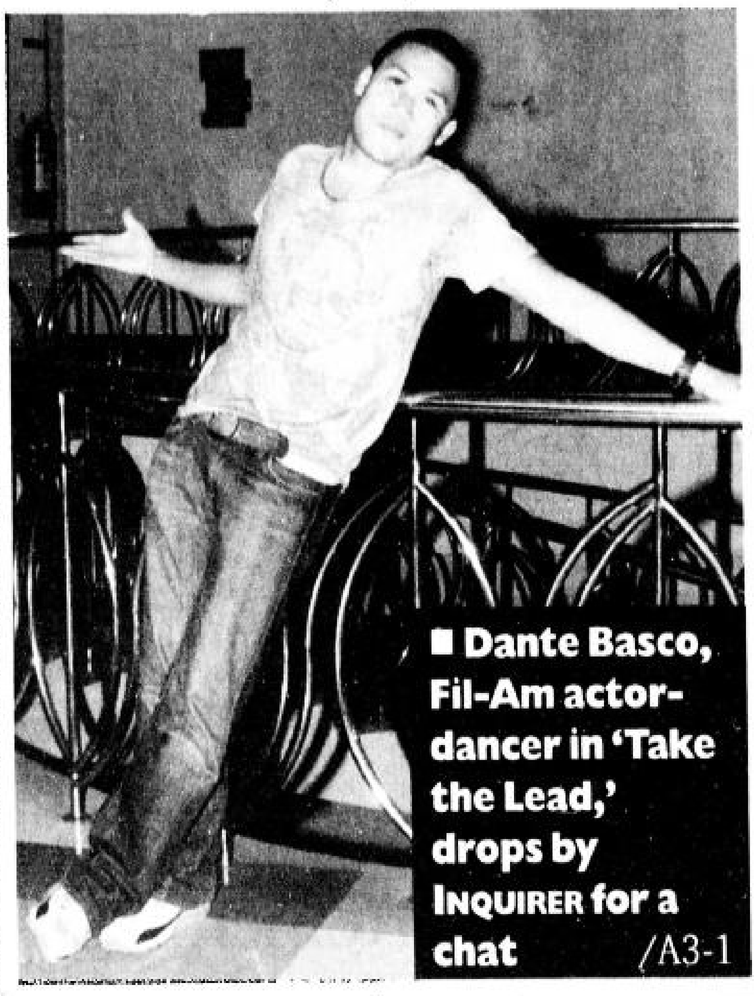

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Star Cinema pulls out of MMFF '06

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

HISTORY REPEATS ITself—for the fourth time.

Star Cinema has sent a formal letter to Bayani Fernando, chair of the Metro Manila Development Authority and head of the Metro Manila Film Festival executive committee, requesting for the withdrawal of its project "Tanging Pamilya" as a "possible entry" to the annual December event.

This is not the first time that the ABS-CBN film company has backed out from the MMFF.

Star Cinema pulled out "Milan" in 2003 after it topped the screenplay selection process. In 2004, it withdrew the screenplays of "Nasaan Ka Man" (formerly "Lihim") and "D'Anothers" before the lineup was finalized. Last year, it took back its "Sandara Park project" from the screenplay search.

This year's withdrawal letter, signed by Star Cinema managing director Malou Santos, was dated May 30 and received by the MMDA on June 1.

A Star Cinema insider who requested anonymity explained that the withdrawal letter was drafted before the film company found out that it had made the cut.

The 10 finalists were chosen last May 30 and made public June 1.

"The withdrawal is not yet final," said the source. "It's up to the MMFF executive committee whether to accept or reject our withdrawal letter. We will respect and abide by the execom's decision."

VHONG Navarro and Toni Gonzaga too busy to do Star Cinema entry.

Busy stars

This was confirmed by Fernando. "The execom will decide on this matter. We'll meet next week," Fernando told INQUIRER Entertainment last Friday in a phone interview.

In the letter, Santos cited the lead stars' busy schedules as the reason for the pullout: "Due to the pending projects of the two lead actors (Toni Gonzaga and Vhong Navarro), the completion of 'Tanging Pamilya' in time for the festival will not be possible. Thus, the decision to withdraw," Santos wrote.

Gonzaga is currently shooting "You Are the One" with Sam Milby, while Navarro is filming "Agent X-44" with Mariel Rodriguez.

This year, the MMFF selection and screening committee picked two Star Cinema screenplays as finalists: "Tanging Pamilya," directed by Joyce Bernal, and "Kasal, Kasali, Kasalo," directed by Jose Javier Reyes.

Regal has 3

Lily Monteverde's Regal Films has three entries in the list: "Zsazsa Zaturnnah," "Mano Po 5: Gua Ai Di" and "Shake, Rattle, & Roll 8." Orly Ilacad's Octo Arts/Canary/Virgin also has three entries: "Enteng Kabisote 3," "Karma (formerly "Pagkagat ng Dilim") and "Short Time."

CM and Violett Films have one entry each: "Batang Maynila" for CM, starring Cesar Montano, and "Tatlong Baraha" for Violett, topbilled by Lito Lapid.

Another Star Cinema insider hinted that even "Kasal, Kasali, Kasalo" may be pulled out because a November release for the romantic-comedy is more feasible "so that stars Judy Ann Santos and Ryan Agoncillo can still make another movie in time for Valentine's."

The same source pointed out that Star Cinema only wants to field one entry because the company "doesn't want to spread itself too thin and divide its [publicity] machinery."

Selection committee member Ric Camaligan reiterated that other entries can take the place of any finalist that decides to pull out. "As a matter of policy, we rank the 19 submitted scripts, so that those ranked 11 to 13 can be upgraded, should there be a withdrawal or non-compliance [with the rules] among the original 10."

Fernando just shrugs off rumors of "withdrawals."

"Well, maybe it's just a strategy,

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'Direk' Joey vows: 3 films, 3 crews

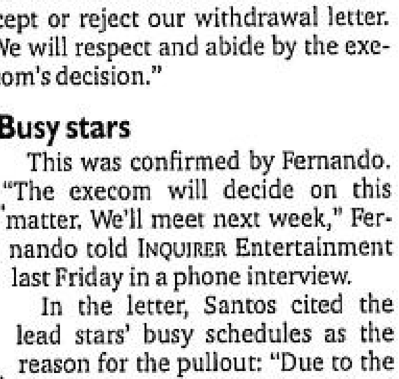
"I'LL GO CRAZY," WAS HOW FILMmaker Jose Javier Reyes greeted the news that three of his screenplays—"Short Time," "Karma" and "Kasal, Kasali, Kasalo"—had been accepted as finalists in this year's Metro Manila Film Festival.

"I don't plan to shoot these films at the same time because I don't like shuttling from one set to another," he told INQUIRER Entertainment.

Reyes, who won Best Director in last year's MMFF for "Kutob," recently left ABS-CBN as an exclusive talent, but "Kasal" will still be under Star Cinema, the *Kapamilya* network's film production arm.

He acknowledged that this new career development will leave him plenty of time to focus on his three MMFF entries, which fall under three different genres.

"Short Time" is a sex-comedy, starring Maui Taylor, Paolo Contis and Marvin Agustin; "Karma" is a horror trilogy, topbilled by Rica Peralejo and Dingdong Dantes; and "Kasal" is a romantic-comedy, headlined by real-life sweethearts Judy Ann Santos and Ryan Agoncillo.



JOEY REYES: "A merry Christmas for many."

He explained that he originally only had "Karma" and "Short Time" as entries—since the two movies count Orly Ilacad as producer, under Canary and Virgin Films, respectively.

He recounted: "A few days before the deadline for submission of MMFF entries, I was told by Star Cinema that it had also fielded 'Kasal.' It wasn't like I could order them not to submit it."

In spite of his initial trepidation, he expressed gratitude over his triple whammy, but hastened to add: "These are blessings I hope to share with others. I'll make sure to hire three different crews so that we will get to employ a lot of people. So that many industry people will have a truly merry Christmas this year."

He asserted: "I measure fulfillment not in terms of the number of movies I make, but the number of people whose lives I touch with my films."

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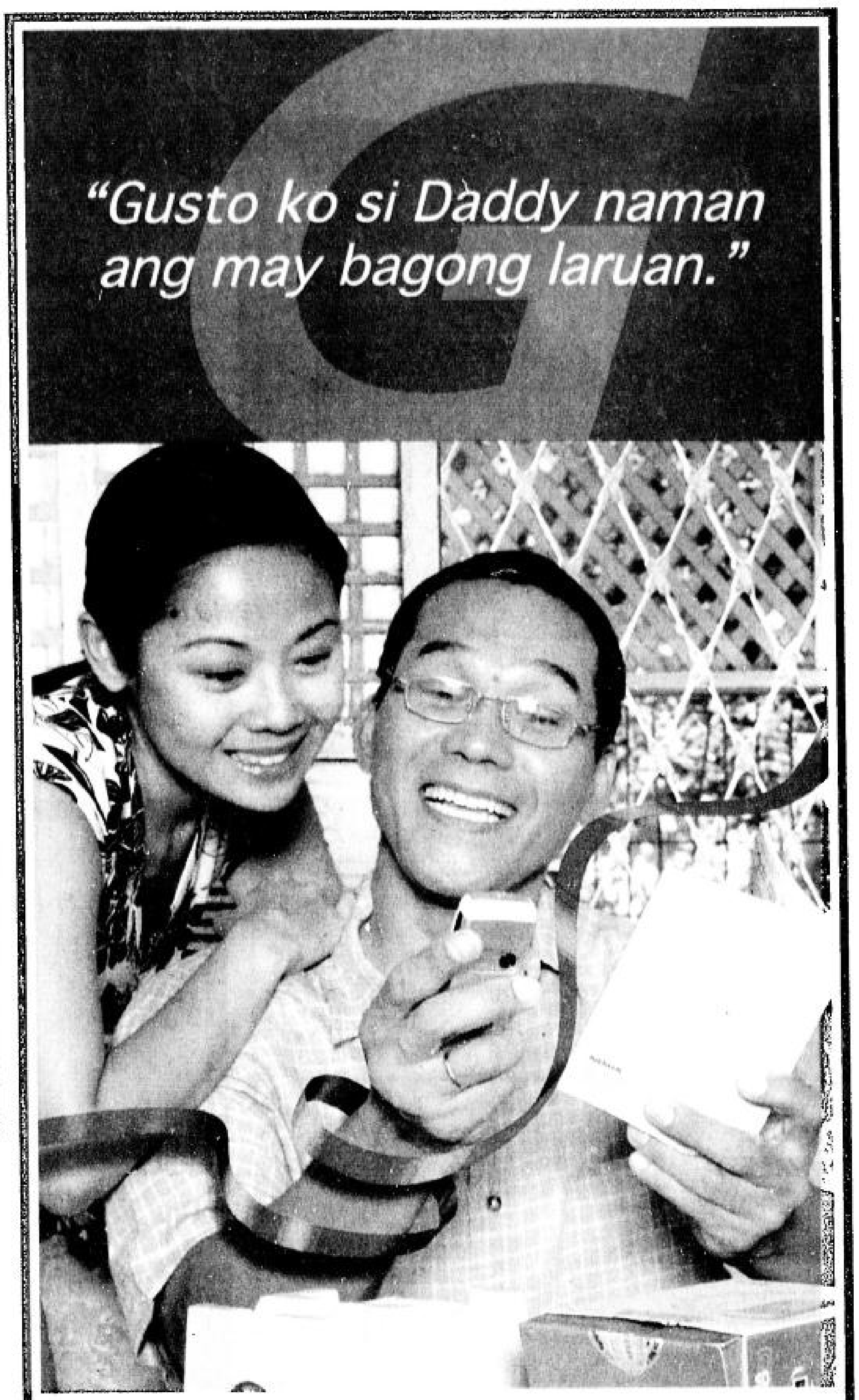
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RYAN Phillippe and Jason Statham in "Chaos."

Disorderly conduct, chaotic revelations

'Chaos' tries to be different but ends up being far too predictable

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

REVIEW

"CHAOS" TRIED TO VEER AWAY FROM most of its heist-thriller brethren by embracing an adventurous, but not necessarily cleaner, approach to storytelling. There were balanced doses of action and sleuthing, which kept writer-director Tony Giglio's story engaging for most of its running time. It also tried to be cerebrally layered, but it reached a climax that's far too predictable—one we're immensely familiar with.

Looks like...

Comparisons to films like "Wild Things" and "The Usual Suspects" are inevitable, because at its core, "Chaos" follows a similar, rug-pulling tone.

Which isn't to say it doesn't have its own sandbox to play with. Jason Statham and Wesley Snipes expectedly bring on the testosterone via timely shoot-outs. They're all gruff and snippy. Like their lives depended on it.

Statham plays Quentin Conners, a suspended cop reinstated to handle a bank robbery-turned-hostage situation, led by revenge-thirsty Baddie Lorenz (Snipes). Conners and his new rookie partner Dekker (Ryan Phillippe) quickly go on a ho-hum good cop-bad cop routine, doing their darnedest to decipher the puzzle behind the well-planned bank heist.

There's much more to the mystery than meets the eye, and Phillippe's fresh-faced but quick-witted character repeatedly keeps hammering into our heads that something's totally amiss. Well, his suspicions aren't unfounded, so he mechanically explains to his colleagues—and in effect, to us—that the situation reeks of the "chaos theory," which, loosely translated, is the connection of seemingly random events to an underlying order.

It is by stretching this premise that the film retains a continuous, slightly suspenseful tug. While Statham is once again the retread macho, misunderstood renegade in this flick, Snipes' thuggish brute feels fresh after his robotic turns as the title character of the "Blade" films.

Semblance of order

Jelling quite impressively in that equation is pretty boy Phillippe, who rarely kicks butt elsewhere, but gets to do some serious crime-fighting here. The other supporting characters, however, speedily fade into the background and are interchangeably boring.

When the entire mystery unfolds and secrets are eventually revealed, we're not entirely convinced, as flashbacks containing withheld scenes and important images pose some new, pressing questions. But while the logic in "Chaos" fluctuates in certain parts, and some revelations aren't as mind-blowing as they should be, the film's technical aspects show ample skill. They create a semblance of order, and that illusion helps snugly glue the actors with the imagery together.

Star Cinema pulls out . . .

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part of the film company's plans," he surmised. "I've yet to fully understand the rules of the movie business."

Target reachable

Fernando emphasized that the festival could still reach the targeted P5 billion in box-office revenues. "I'm confident that the producers will remain committed to their art and their goal to make well-crafted films that will entertain the public and earn much-needed funds for the festival's beneficiaries."

Among the MMFF's beneficiaries are Mowelfund (35 percent), the President's Social Fund (35 percent), Film Academy of the Philippines (10 percent), Film Development Council of the Philippines (10 percent), Optical Media Board (5 percent) and the Motion Picture Anti-Piracy Film Council (5 percent).

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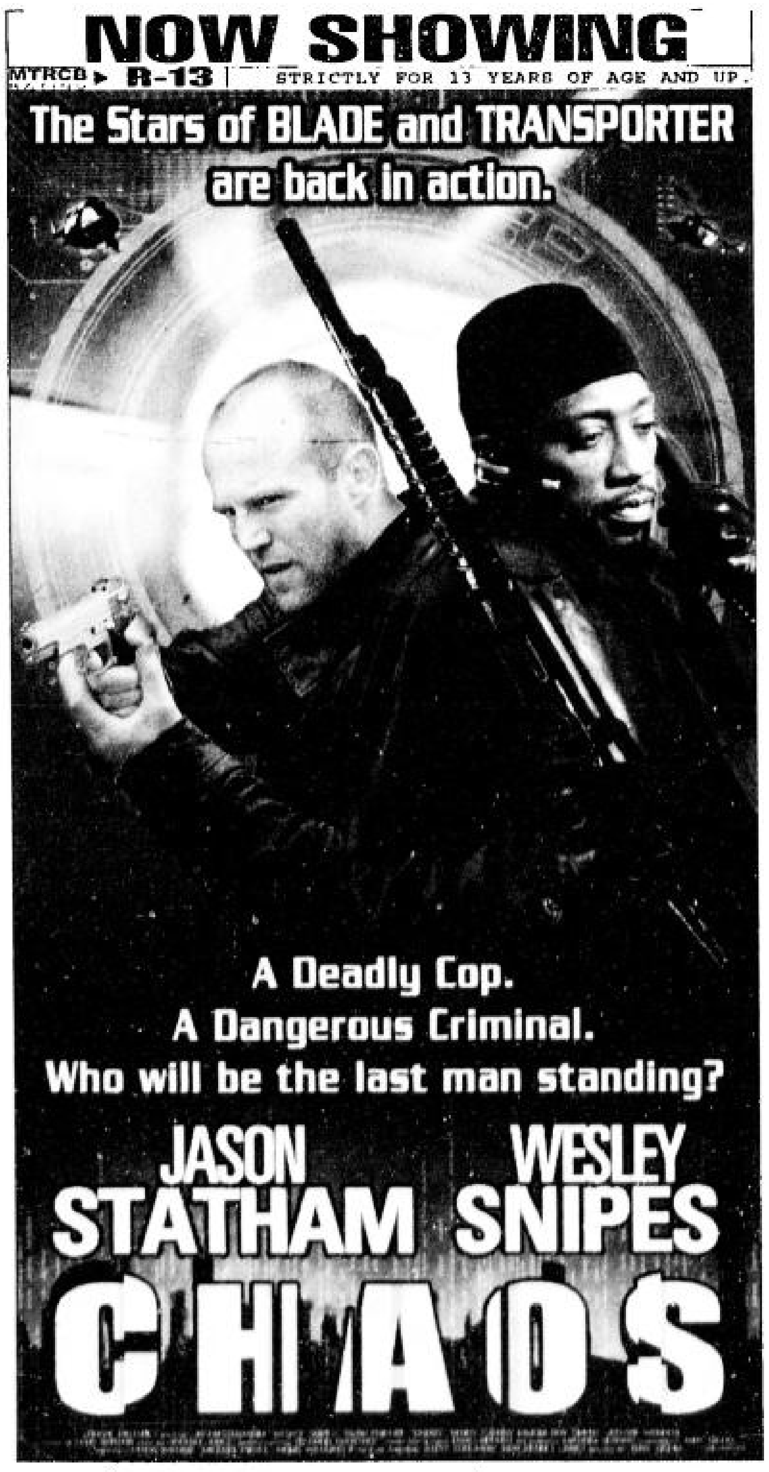
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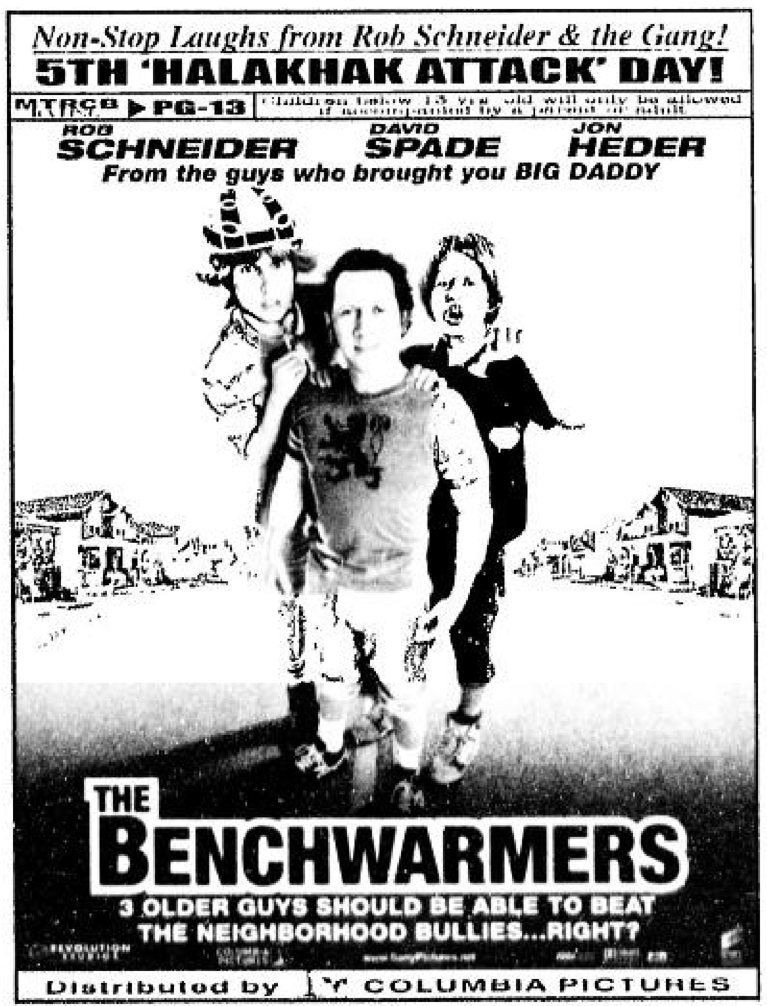
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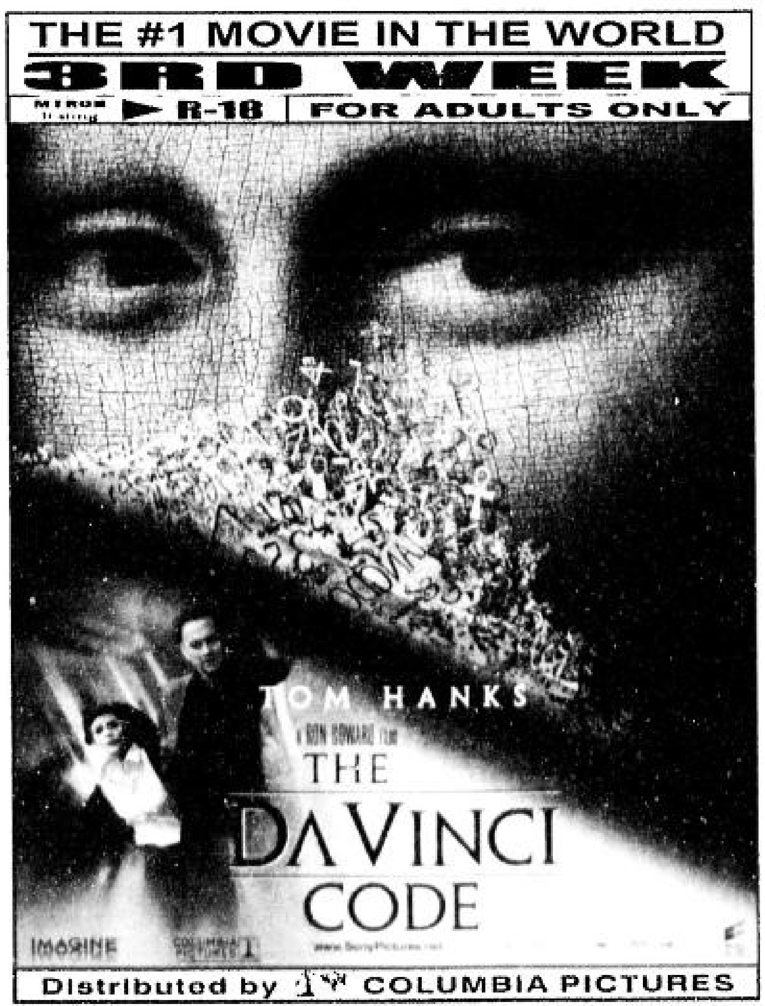
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TFC treats in Middle East

ABS-CBN's The Filipino Channel (TFC) offers a double treat for Filipinos in the Middle East.

CONNIE Sison

This month, TFC beefs up its four-year-old news program "Balitang Middle East with more timely news stories, more in-depth coverage, and an added public service segment, "Bantay Kababayan," which will address the needs and concerns of the OFWs and their families.

Henry Omaga-Diaz hosts this new edition which started June 2, 10: 30 a.m. (Saudi time) and 11:30 a.m. (Dubai time) on TFC, and yesterday at 4 p.m. on ANC.

Also this month, TFC's magazine show "Kwentong Disyerto," hosted by Connie Sison and TJ Manotoc, turns a year old. The show airs special celebrations like OFW weddings and reunions. It airs Fridays on TFC at 9:30 a.m. (Saudi time) and 10:30 a.m. (Gulf time), and Saturdays on ANC, at 10 a.m., with a replay at 11 p.m.

Fra Lippo Lipi in Cebu

NORWEGIAN band, Fra Lippo Lippi, recently performed for over 4,000 fans in a show sponsored by My Shaldan Car Freshener at the Waterfront Hotel in Cebu City.

Photo shows the My Shaldan Marketing Team headed by Ernesita Gumban and Fra Lippo Lippi lead singer Per Sorensen.

Audie takes NMC Stage

AUDIE Gemora took to the stage at the conclusion of the 37th National Marketing Conference, held at the Hotel Philippine Plaza.

Gemora's "talk" left participants of the two-day gathering with an entirely new picture of what a conference should be.

With "The Boardroom is Your Stage," the theater actor-director and president of Stages Production Inc., shared insights on how to give life to ideas by selling them with Filipino-trademark passion and acting techniques.

In photo is Gemora surrounded by dancers during his colorful entrance.

AUDIE Gemora

Discovery news

BEGINNING June 19, Discovery Channel viewers can watch as law enforcement officers pursue some of the world's most slippery white-collar criminals in the new series, "On the Run," Mondays, 11 p.m. Episodes encore the following day at 4 a.m., 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 a.m.

PER Sorensen of Fra Lippo Lippi (in black shirt) in Cebu

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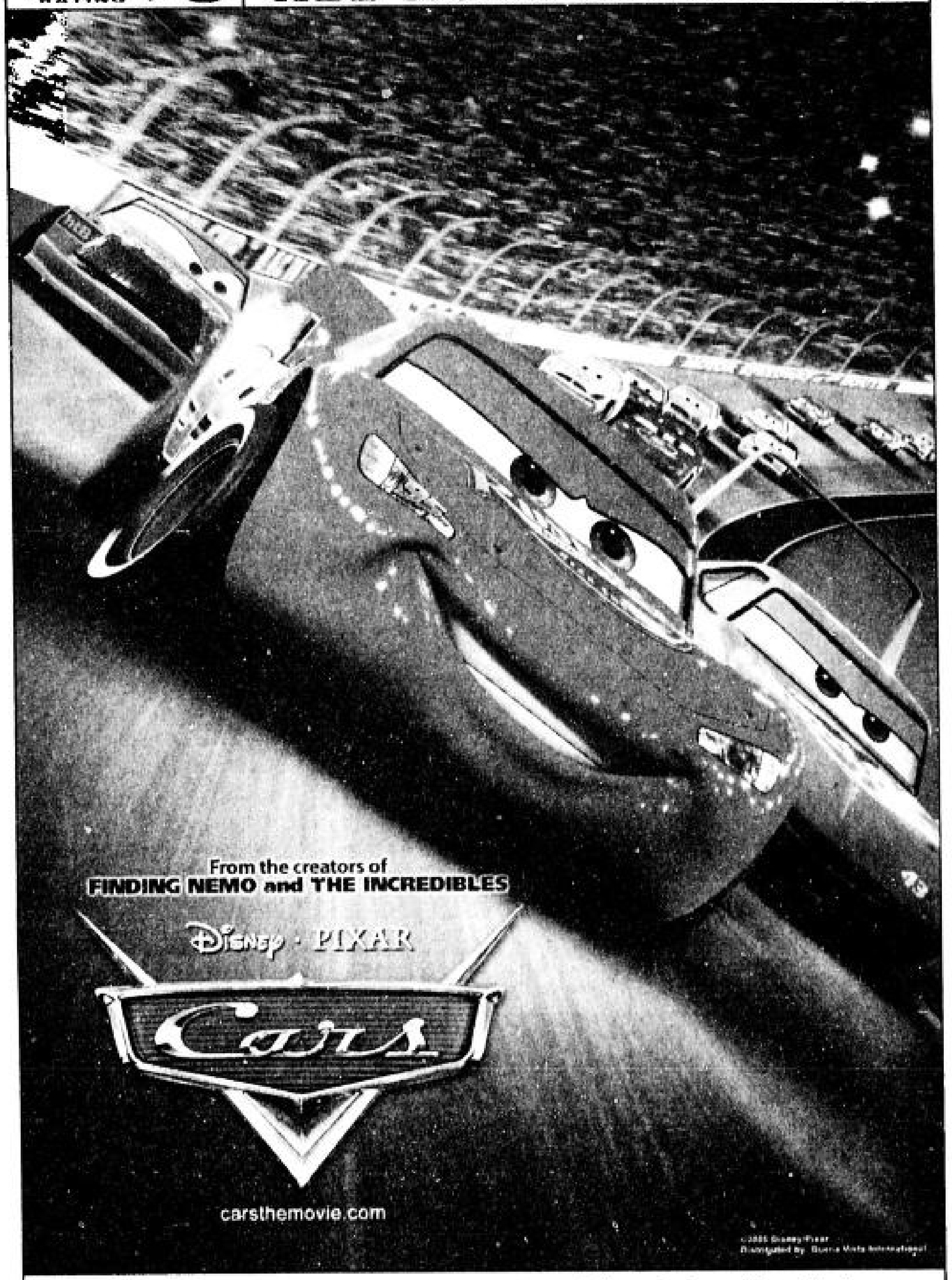

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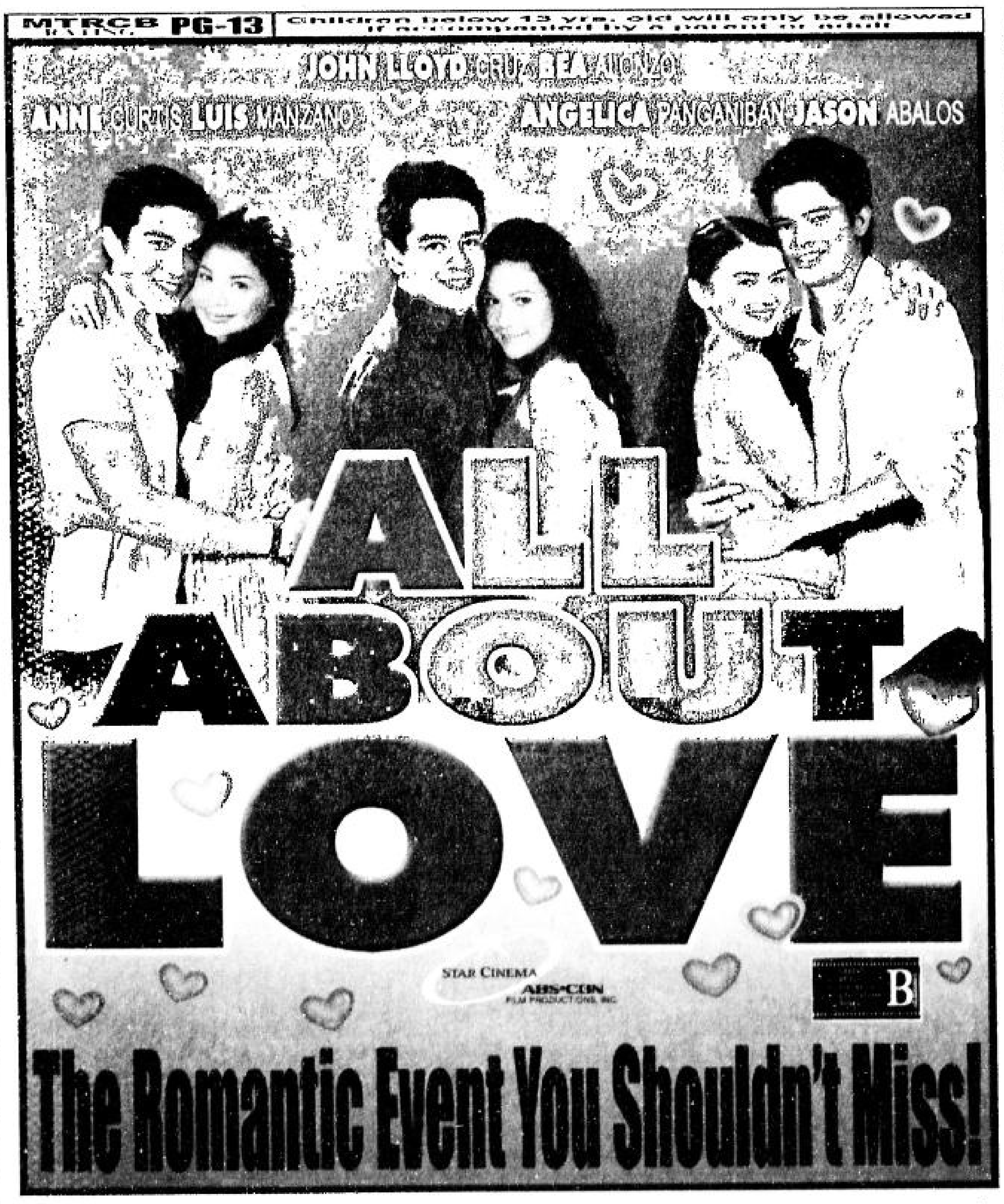
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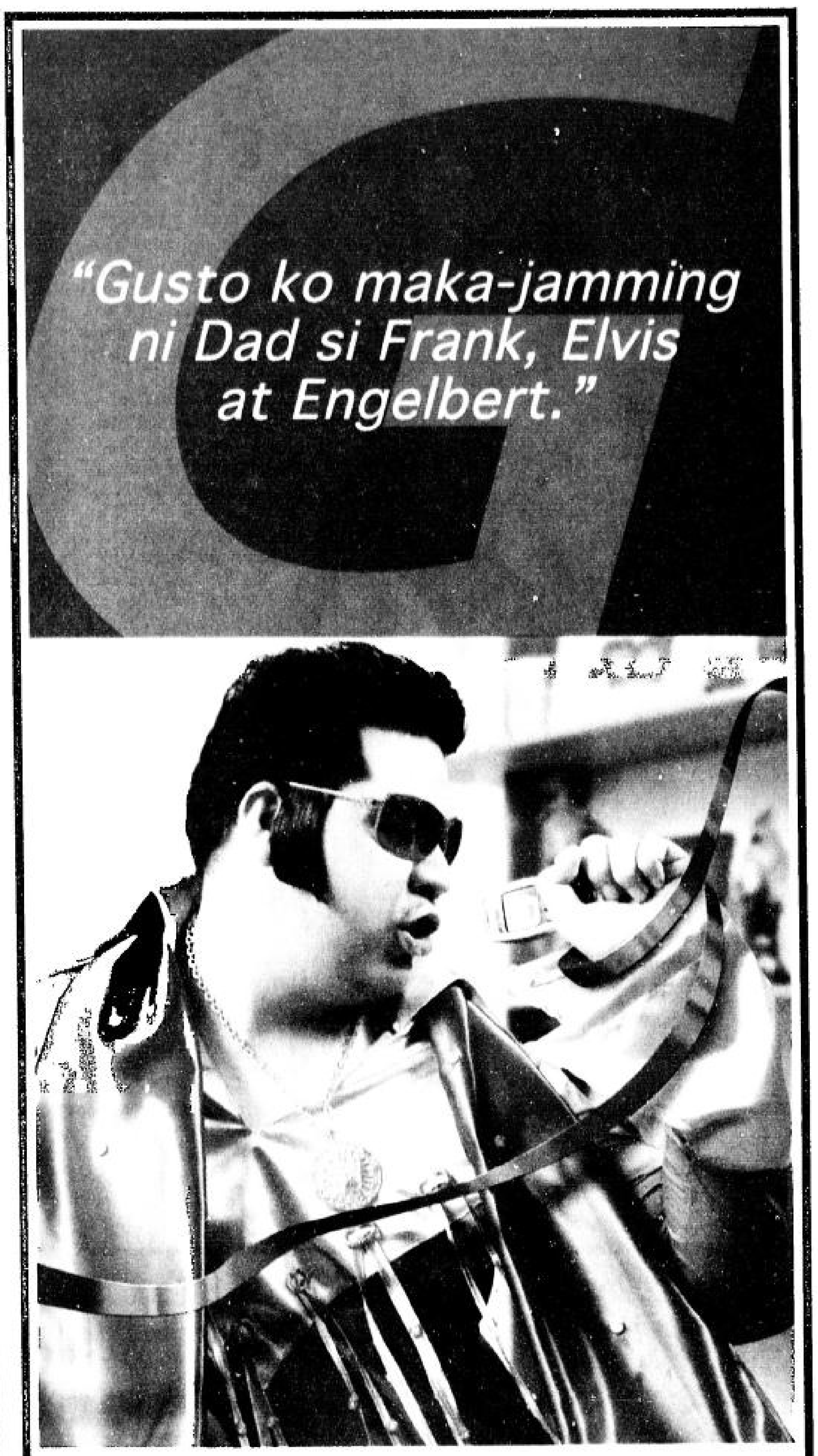
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Ava Gardner, H'wood's last studio-mad

YESTERDAY

LOS ANGELES—AVA GARDNER, the Hollywood beauty known as much for her fiery marriages to Frank Sinatra and Artie Shaw as for her movies, had her ups and downs like everybody else. The difference, says a new biography, is the way she lived life—"like a rocket."

Lee Server devoted three years to the 500-page "Ava Gardner: 'Love Is Nothing,'" plus 51 pages of sources, an index and other reference material.

Speaking from his New Jersey home, Server said the research took him on the road "since Ava's trail goes all over the world," including Madrid, London, her birthplace in North Carolina, Hollywood and Puerto Vallarta. "She put that place on the map when she made 'Night of the Iguana' there," the author said.

Gardner was born in 1922 near Smithfield, North Carolina, one of six children of a poor tenant farmer. On a trip to New York, her brother-in-law took her photograph and somehow it reached the offices of MGM. She passed a screen test and was sent to Hollywood for the usual starlet training.

"She was on that starlet list for many years and stayed in the background," Server said. She had to go to another studio, Universal, for her first big break in "The Killers," opposite Burt Lancaster. "Killers" was released in 1946.

As her career progressed, she was making headlines with marriages to men who were leaders in their fields: Mickey Rooney, the No. 1 box office star; Artie Shaw, the superstar of swing music; Frank Sinatra, the No. 1 pop singer as well as a film star. All ended in divorce.

Failures analyzed

Server analyzed the failures.

Rooney (1942-1943): "It was a question of too much, too soon. Mickey was experienced; he wanted immediate gratification. Ava was just out of the woods; she didn't know what she wanted."

Shaw (1945-1946): "Artie was almost the equivalent of a rock star. She was almost a groupie; she loved his music. He had that intellectual pomposity, that sense of superiority. Ava was wildly in love with him, but Artie was just kind of a spoiled and arrogant fellow. He was the only one of the three who dumped her.'

Sinatra (1951-1957): "One of the all-time tumultuous relationships; you just expected fireworks. They loved hard and they fought hard, and they had to watch

WITH Frank Sinatra: "Tumultuous."

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HUMPHREY Bogart was one of her leading men.

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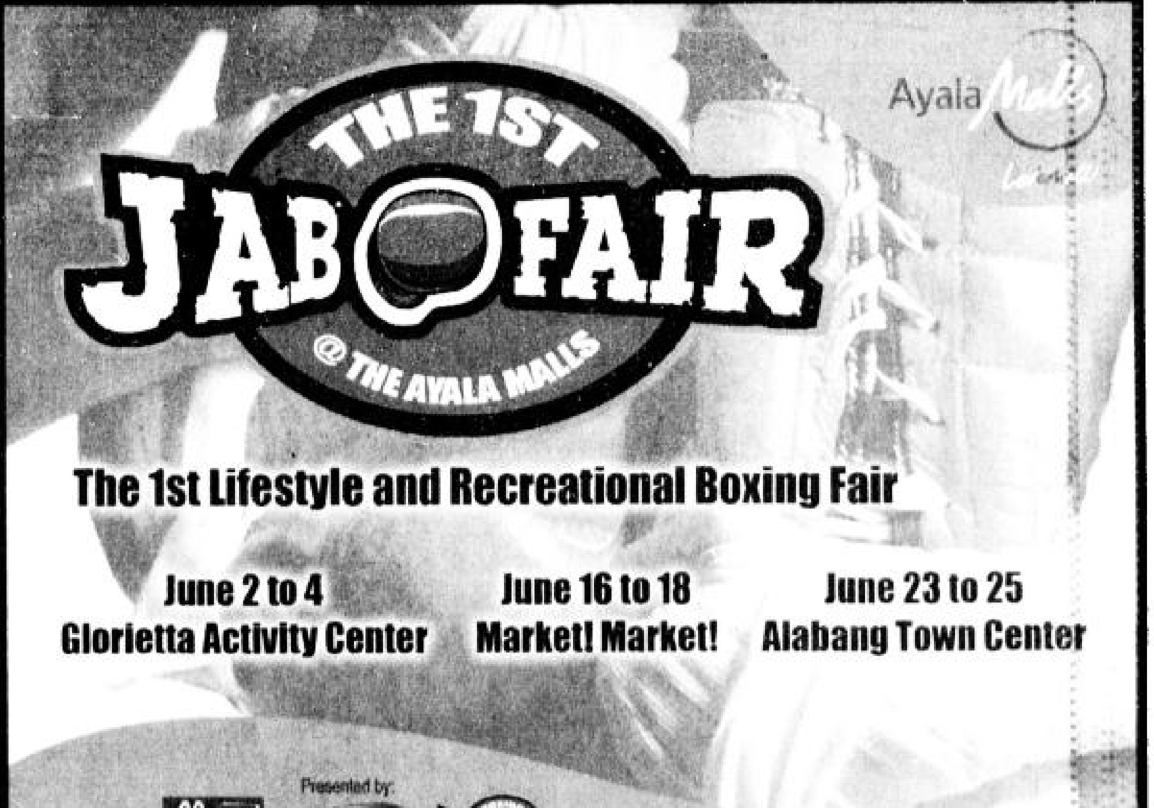

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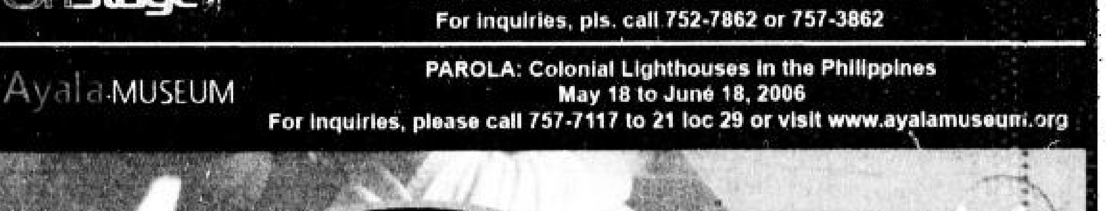

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out or one of them would be hit with a flying ashtray. They tried to get together after the divorce, but the same old fire and anger would flare up. They both realized they would never make it work."

Gardner left Hollywood after the final breakup and never married again. She continued to attract attention with her romances with matadors, playboys and more actors, but the flings didn't last.

She died in 1990 at age 67.

Flings catalogued

Server seems intent on cataloging all of Gardner's flings (which may help explain why the book is so long). Samplings:

Jazz singer Mel Torme romanced Ava during a heated two months. Then he lied in order to break a date. She found out, summoned him to her apartment and told him: "We're through, Melvin. Finished. You lied to me, and I won't take that from anyone. Out!"

Gardner met Kirk Douglas on a radio show and engaged in a brief but passionate liaison. Douglas later commented, "Being a Jew, I always fasted on Yom Kippur... it's not easy to make love to Ava Gardner on an empty stomach."

Howard Hughes proved to be the longest lasting of Gardner's suitors. His interest in her started when she separated from Mickey Rooney. Hughes presented her with a large diamond engagement ring, which she refused because she didn't love him.

He continued his plight through the years, giving her a Cadillac convertible and other favors, including airplane flights that he personally piloted. He also placed a 24-hour surveillance on her activities. She refused all his offers of marriage.

Forgettable films

Gardner made a lot of forgettable movies, but Server said her career also had some memorable ones. He cited "The Killers," "Pandora and the Flying Dutchman," "The Barefoot Contessa," "Bhowani Junction" and "Night of the Iguana." To which might be added "Mogambo" (her only Academy Award nomination), "One Touch of Venus," "The Sun Also Rises," "On the Beach" and "Seven Days in May."

In her later years, Gardner dabbled in television, appearing in "Knots Landing" and the mini-series "A.D." (as Nero's scheming mother), as well as the TV movies "The Long Hot Summer" and "Harem," her last role.

"Ava went through life with all the stress and bad times and sad times," Server said. "But she also went through life like a rocket."

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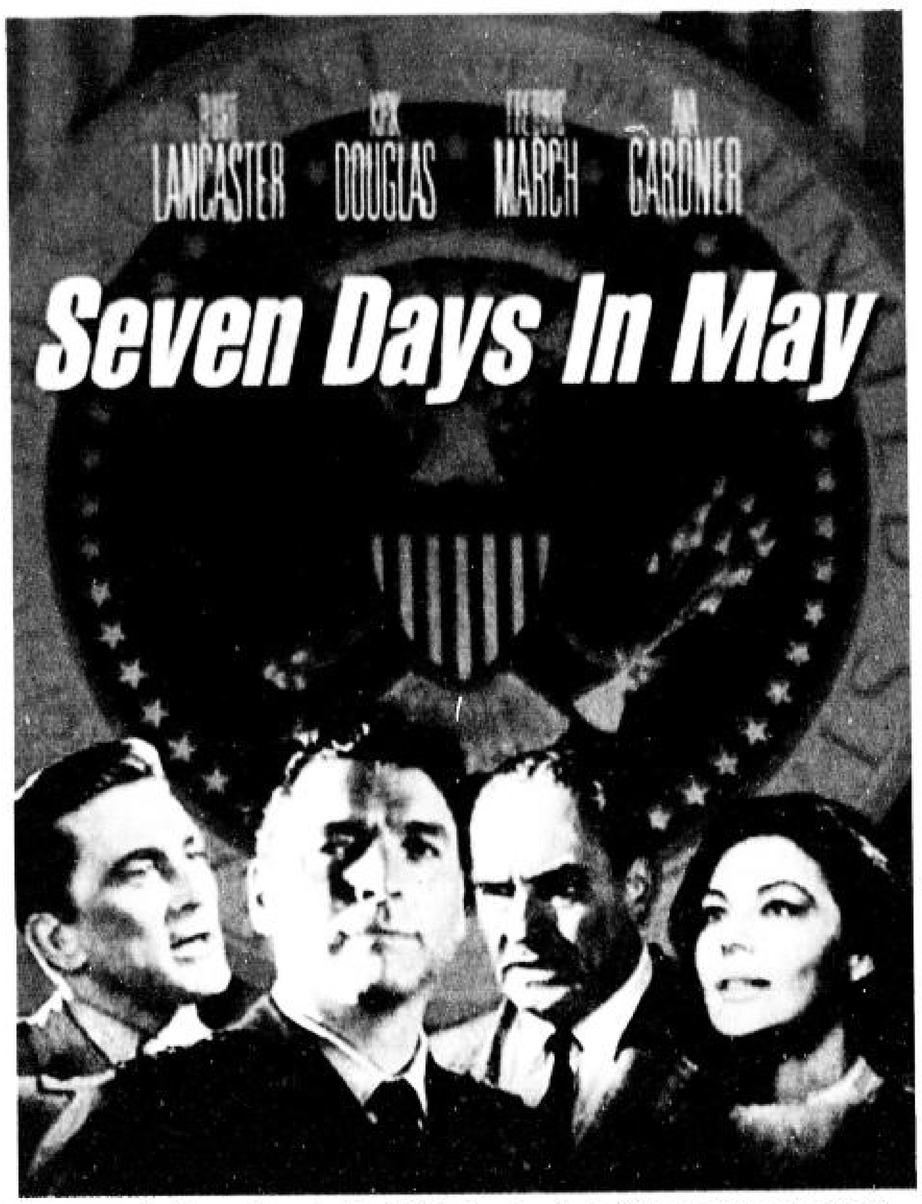

HER co-star in "Seven Days in May," Kirk Douglas (far left), has some very colorful comments about their brief romance.

AVA GARDNER was a starlet for many years. As her career progressed, she also made headlines about her relationships, says author Lee Server.

Il Divo and Toni Braxton sing World Cup '06 theme, now in a 19-track collection of hits

SPIN CITY

OPERATIC SUPERSTARS IL DIVO REcently teamed-up with multi-Grammy Award winner Toni Braxton to record the song "The Time of Our Lives"—official song of the 2006 FIFA World Cup Germany. They will perform the song on June 9 during the opening ceremonies of the tournament, and also on July 9 for the closing ceremonies.

The song is included in the album "Voices," from Sony BMG Philippines. The album contains 19 tracks of inspirational songs from such artists as Whitney Houston ("One Moment in Time"), Elton John ("Your Song"), Mariah Carey ("Hero"), Barbra Streisand ("Woman In Love"), Westlife ("You Raise Me Up") and "Lea Salonga" ("The Gift").

Following is a short chat with Carlos Marin and David Miller of Il Divo, about football and Toni Braxton:

IL DIVO will be rooting for four different teams.

What does your forthcoming performance at the World Cup mean to Il Divo?

Carlos: It's a big honor. We [in the group] have all our countries' teams playing against each other.

Did you enjoy working with Toni Braxton?

David: We haven't had a chance to work directly with her or sing live with her... our first performance with her will be at the World Cup so we're very excited!

The opening ceremony will be broadcast to a TV audience of over 1 billion. How do you feel about this?

Carlos: We have butterflies in our stomachs—but... I think we'll be more excited than nervous.

Who will Il Divo be cheering for?

David: Obviously for our own countries—Spain, France, Switzerland and America (where the four Il Divo members are from) have all made it through qualifying.

Carlos: I hope Spain wins, but I think it will be between Brazil and Germany. Because for Germany—playing in their own country I think will be a very strong factor.

Will you get to watch any of the matches?

David: We will performing on opening and closing days, so we'll certainly see those games. As for the rest of the matches we'll be on tour in the US.

Are you football fans?

Carlos: Yes—we love football—we're big fans.

David: Being American, obviously football means something different to me—I've just been learning about soccer with these other three over the past two years and they've been teaching me everything I know so far and it's a lot of fun!

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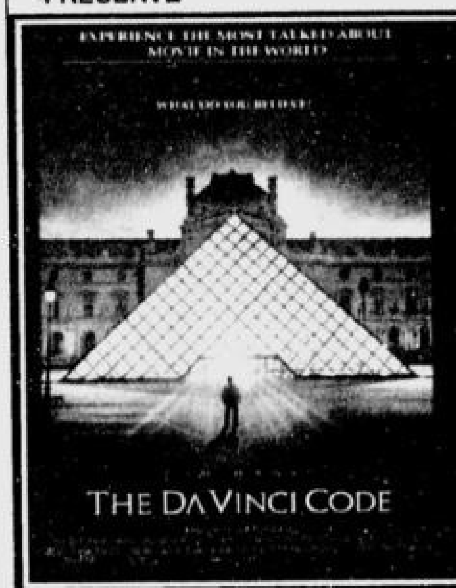

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FEEDBACK

Be kinder to animals

From Simon Miranda, 123 Congressional Road, Project 8, Quezon City:

In the May 24 episode of "Pinoy Big Brother Teen Edition," the housemates were asked to chop some chicken.

I do not know what the exact challenge was, but one housemate, Brenda, was punished to dress up as a chicken. The reason given was that she did not participate in the challenge because of her personal beliefs.

I am a member of an animal rights group and that episode was, for me, a very disturbing one to watch. As an animal rights advocate, I believe that animals are not for humans to eat, wear, use for entertainment or experiments.

For a show with such a strong influence on people, it was wrong to punish someone for standing up for her beliefs. It was bad enough that animals were used for entertainment, it was worse when such an action was taken against Brenda.

Please do not involve animals, dead or alive, in any future challenges on "PBB," as many animal rights believers are offended by this.

Wrong start for RP 'Idol'

From Jenny Xavier jenny_aquino1066@yahoo.com), Buena Vida Homes, Merville Park, Parañaque City 1700:

First auditions, and the organizers do not show up, let alone announce the cancellation. Bad start. If you want to be "up to par" with "Philippine Idol's" home base, which is "American Idol," the least the organizers could have done was to inspect the audition venue that they had earlier picked, before announcing the proceedings. [What happened was] stupid. Get a bigger venue—the Araneta Coliseum, Rizal Park, but please not another Ultra. Holding the auditions at SM Malls not only displace people who just want to go malling; it also disrupts the place. Maybe hold the tryouts behind the Mall of Asia for a change, put up a big tent and leave the temperature to the sea breeze.

'Captain Barbell'

From JD Antonio:

I would like to comment on the new GMA 7 fantasy series, "Captain Barbell." It's only in its first week, but I can't help but react to [it]. The plot is very similar to "Smallville," a US series on the life of young Superman.

It's sad that we have an original Filipino superhero and we still need to copy from a foreign show. Maybe the network didn't think viewers would notice?

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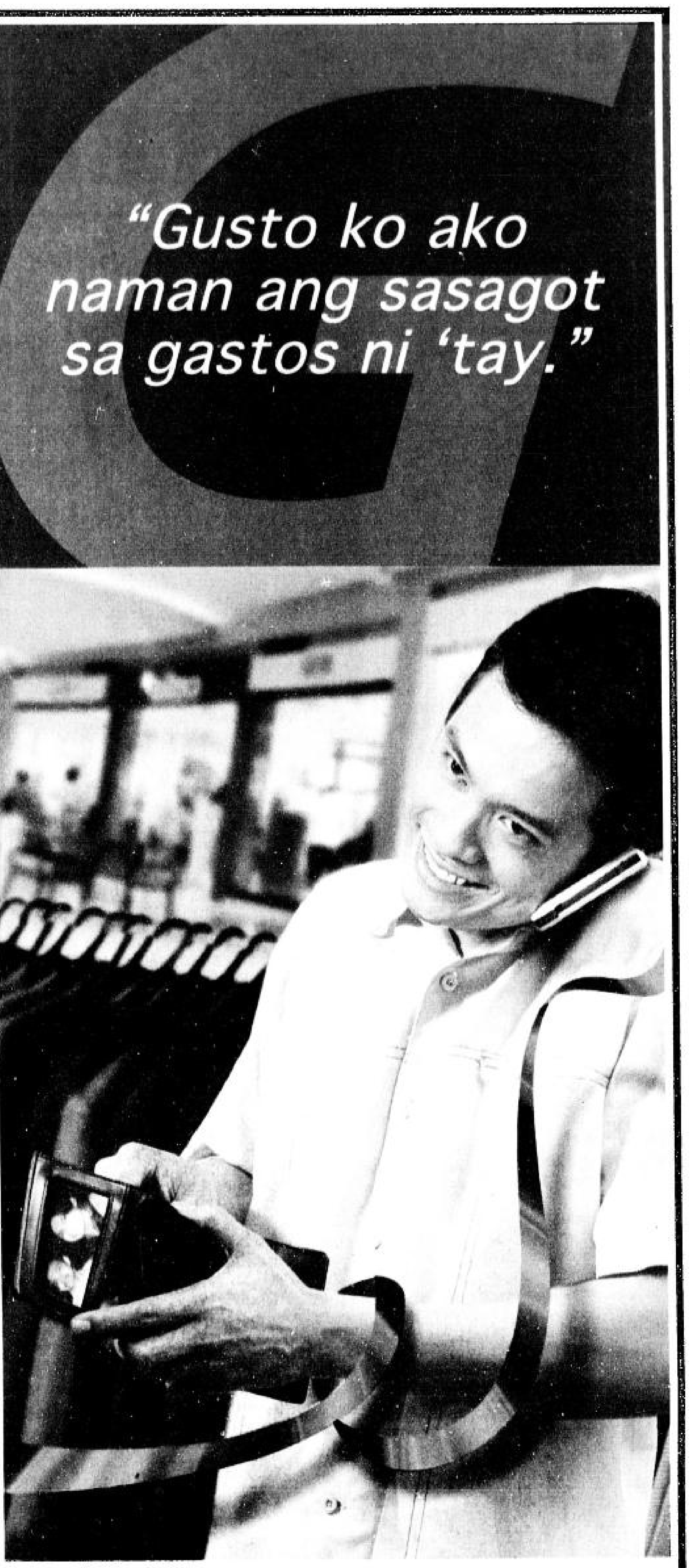
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Was Snooky fired from 'Barbell'?

IS IT TRUE THAT SNOOKY WAS FIRED from "Captain Barbell"? The word that's going around is, she was booted for being "very unprofessional."

Ex-sweethearts

DID you know that veteran actors Eddie Garcia and Gloria Romero, who are starring in a new Seiko Films movie, "I Wanna Be Happy," used to be sweethearts?

Jumping ship

HEARD that a comedian at ABS-CBN, who sports a redundant name, is jumping ship and will soon join a close friend, also a comedian with a redundant name, over at GMA 7.

RUSHES

Mother's happy

"MOTHER" Lily Monteverde is reportedly happy to have three entries in the forthcoming Metro Manila Film Festival. Good sign. Last year, she had five and was far from happy at the end of the fest.

Musical chairs

MARC Logan and Cheryl Cosim, plus child star Kyle Balili, are joining the Kapamilya network's "Magandang Umaga, Pilipinas." TJ Manotoc joins "TV Patrol World." And Kim Atienza replaces Ernie Baron on "TV Patrol."

ARNOLD Clavio

'Anointed One'

KIM Atienza says Ernie Baron, in fact, "anointed" him. He interviewed the late Ka Ernie before the latter passed on, Atienza recalls, and at the end of the conversation, Baron supposedly said, "I can die now."

'Igan' for Surf

GMA 7's Arnold "Igan" Clavio is the new endorser of Surf detergent bar.

"Value-for-money is every consumer's primary concern," says Clavio. "That's why [this brand] is good news for millions of mothers and homemakers."

The network is apparently more lenient than its top rival about news anchors endorsing commercial products.

SNOOKY Serna

Sandra's stalker

LOS ANGELES—American actress Sandra Bullock got a three-year extension Wednesday on a restraining order against a man she has accused of stalking her across three US states.

Thomas James Weldon has spent three years in a psychiatric hospital, but Bullock, in a sworn statement requesting the order's extension, said she had no guarantee that he would not resume harassing her upon his release. *AFP*

Sofia Coppola preggy

LOS ANGELES—Sofia Coppola is pregnant and the child's father is her boyfriend, French rock singer Thomas Mars, People magazine reported Wednesday on its website. The weekly US celebrity magazine, which did not cite a source, said the couple were expecting their baby this winter.

Coppola, 35, snared an Oscar for best screenplay for the 2004 "Lost in Translation," which she also directed. She is the daughter of Francis Ford Coppola. Her latest film, "Marie Antoinette," premiered last month at the Cannes Film Festival. *AFP*

Janet J did this

JANET Jackson

WASHINGTON—The government rejected a second CBS appeal on Wednesday to lift the $550,000 fine imposed on its stations for the exposure of Janet Jackson's breast during the 2004 Super Bowl.

The singer briefly exposed one breast while dancing with singer Justin Timberlake during the half-time show in what they later said was a "wardrobe malfunction." The Federal Communications Commission rejected CBS' claim that the show was not indecent and said the violation was "willful." *AP*

'Family Affair'

LOS Angeles—Sarah Jessica Parker is set to appear in a new comedy, trade paper Variety reported Thursday. Parker, 41, will appear in "A Family Affair" as a real estate agent who spends the night with an older man—only to discover after becoming engaged that her former lover will be her future father-in-law.

Mmm. Sounds like an episode of "Sex and the City." *AFP*

A Weisz boy

RACHEL Weisz

LOS ANGELES—It's a boy for Oscar-winning actress Rachel Weisz, 35, and her fiance, director Darren Aronofsky.

The couple had their first child Wednesday in New York, according to Weisz spokesperson Kelly Bush. No other details were made available. *AP*

Fonda roast

JANE Fonda

ATLANTA—Actress Jane Fonda was on the wrong end of a celebrity roast, the target of spirited insults from actresses, comedians and—horror of horrors—her ex-husband.

CNN founder Ted Turner was among the celebrities who taunted the two-time Oscar winner Thursday to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, a group that aims to suppress the state's teenage pregnancy rate. "She's one of the most beautiful women I've met," said the billionaire businessman. "I gave up three mistresses for her." *AP*

Ludacris cleared

NEW YORK—Rappers Christopher "Ludacris" Bridges and Kanye West were cleared on Thursday of accusations they pilfered rhythms and phrases from a song by a small New Jersey group who had filed a copyright case in a New York court.

The little-known group I.O.F. (It's Only Family) had claimed Ludacris and Grammy Award winner West breached copyright laws by stealing lyrics and style from their , song "Straight Like That," using it for the pair's 2003 hit single "Stand Up." *Reuters*

Feuding pals reunite

LOS ANGELES—Those hoping that the new season of "The Simple Life" will supply the answer to what is really behind the famous Paris Hilton-Nicole Richie feud are going to be disappointed—but the former friends do toss a few dishy darts at one another.

"I'm the nice one, she's the evil one," Hilton says. *AP*

Closure important

LOS ANGELES—"Is it important for a relationship to have closure?" Jennifer Aniston, ex-Mrs. Brad Pitt was asked.

"Absolutely," she said. "That is important for any relationship—romantic, friendship or work or otherwise—to have a sense of closure and clarity as to why it [ended].... so that you can move cleanly into your next phase." *Reuters*

Another baby

LOS ANGELES—Mira Sorvino, who won an Oscar in 1996 for Best Supporting Actress, has given birth to a son, her second child with husband Christopher Backus, her spokesperson Ed Choi said Tuesday.

Sorvino, 38, won an Oscar for her role in Woody Allen's "Mighty Aphrodite."

She and her husband, 14 years her junior, already have a daughter Mattea, born the year they married, in 2004. *AFP*

Bellucci as Gandhi

MONICA Bellucci

MUMBAI—Italian actress Monica Bellucci has agreed to play the role of India's most powerful woman Sonia Gandhi in a new film about her life, the director told AFP.

Jagmohan Mundhra pursued Bellucci for six months before persuading her at last month's Cannes Film Festival to play the Italian-born politician and latest torch-bearer of the Gandhi dynasty. "Monica is the right person to play the role. She is from Italy and has the right kind of looks," said Mundhra, who is based in the US. *AFP*

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Dante's peak

Fil-Am actor-dancer in the top cast of Antonio Banderas' latest starrer, 'Take the Lead,' drops by for a chat

By the INQUIRER Entertainment Staff
Photos by Rudy Esperas

TAKE FIVE

BROWN AND PROUD. That's Dante Basco in a nutshell.

Basco, whose family hails from Zambales and Pangasinan, is one of the handful of Filipino-American actors who have carved long and meaningful careers in Hollywood.

The child actor on "The Wonder Years" and "Hook" is now all grown up and has headlined feature films like "Biker Boyz," "Naked Brown Men," "Extreme Days" and "The Debut," dubbed as the first Filipino-American theatrical movie that cast him with homegrown talents Gina Alajar, Eddie Garcia and Tirso Cruz III.

Basco, who was in town to promote his dance movie with Antonio Banderas "Take the Lead" (opening June 7), visited the INQUIRER office recently to chat about being Pinoy in La-La Land, girls, the shoe biz, *sinigang* and his tattoo.

Did you just cut your hair?

Yes, for the movie.

Is your character in "Take the Lead" Filipino?

We don't know. His name is Miguel Ramos. Originally, in the script, the role had been written for a Puerto Rican. Antonio Banderas told me: "You know, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Cuba... same thing. We (Spain) liberated all of you!"

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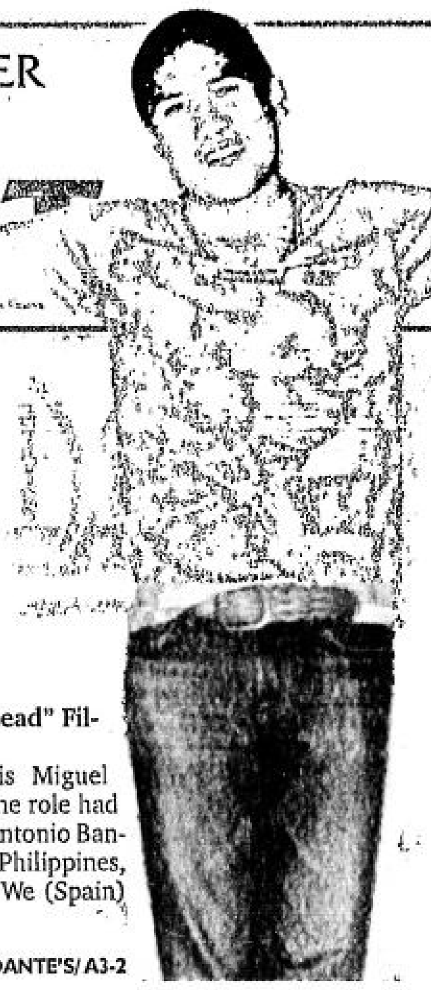

DANTE Basco says he feels blessed for the many Hollywood breaks that have come his way.

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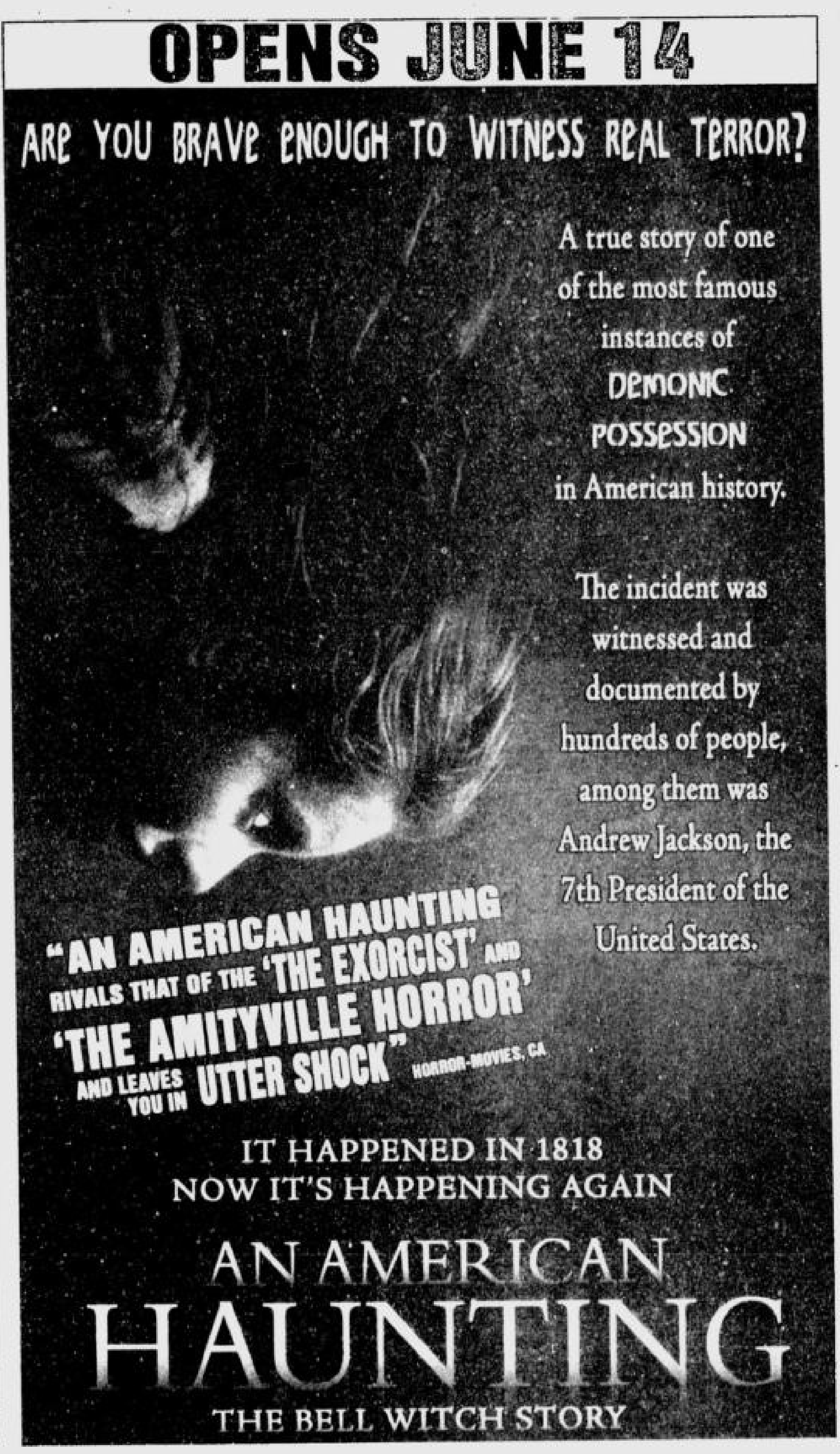
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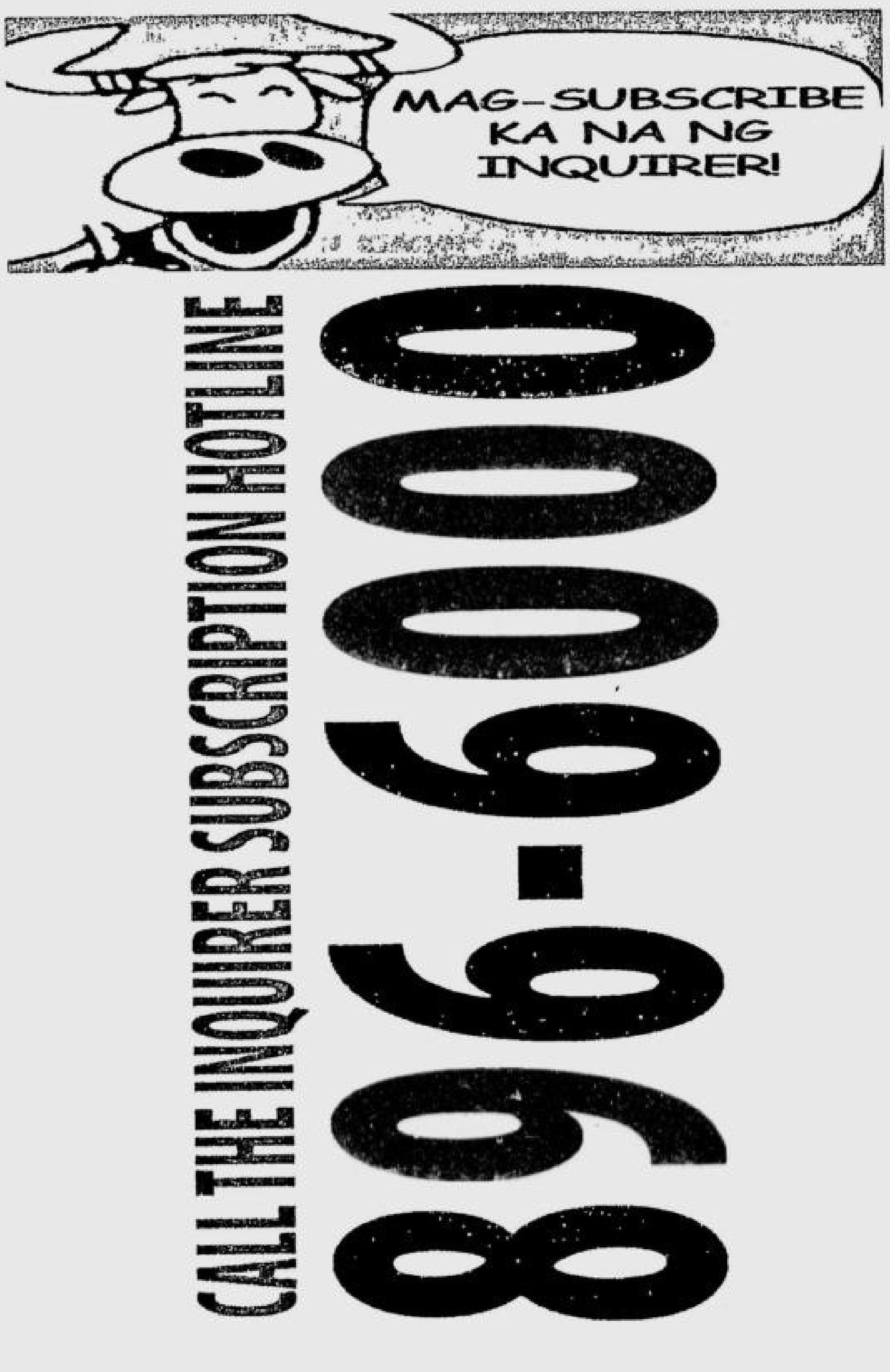
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I loved working with Anton dancer and actor. An amazing and loving.

You were also in "Hook"?

I worked with the likes of St Dustin Hoffman, Julia Robe Williams when I was only 1 years ago! I'm now 30.

You actually remember in them on the set?

Yes. We were together for was a big part of my teenage up with my character Rufio. Boys.

Until now, when people malls, they still call me Rufio. role, the bad-ass, misundersto

What was it like workin Williams?

He was a very funny man very energetic! It takes 15 ho a movie. So the crew looks at keep the morale up. And Rob of hyper energy. But he can al two of us got to talk about p serious stuff.

How about Dustin?

He's one of the greatest act My parents looked up to the Hoffman, Al Pacino and Rober they were growing up.

Dustin constantly validate He kept assuring me that I h make it in this business. He study my craft seriously. I've acting for the past 20 years.

You were much younger on "The Wonder Years"?

I was only 12. I've been act now.

But still you play a teenag Lead"?

Last year, I passed up on roles. But when I read this scr ject it. It's because I love danc and I used to break-dance o San Francisco. I also did balle

How many siblings?

There are five of us in the Darion, me, Dion and our littl We're all actors.

Is Hollywood life as excitin be on the HBO show "Entou

Definitely! I just guested last week.

What was your role on "Ento

I played an underground le ed the most expensive sneake

Coincidentally, I just got a few months, I hope to com Dante Basco Hip-Hop Dance S

My brothers and I also di "Naked Brown Men." We ha ourselves in that indie mo talked about women and stu with a digital camera, with a $30,000 budget. It's like a tourage."

Being a Filipino in Hollywo ent experience.

Tell us about it—Is it difficul

It's very weird. It's hard to be an actor in Hollywood, od! But to be an ethnic actor a Filipino actor... It's tough for ipinos because we don't fit in of the categories. We're Asian enough. When I go to ditions, I'm often told that I'm the type of Asian they're looking for.

But having said that, I still feel fortunate that I've succeeded in making a good life and car self ... better than most white Hollywood.

I am blessed. I just want to work for good people and op for others.

My brothers and I are putt Asian entertainment com works is a TV show, a CD movie.

We'll be the first Filipino company in Hollywood and ting a lot of support from wr tors and producers.

How about your parents?

They're very happy, very su

We grew up in Paramount collar town. We're workin people. My grandfather was veteran. All my uncles were service.

How Filipino are you?

I'm full-blooded! But I born in America.

One Filipino trait could be y closely knit as a family.

Yes. I lived with my gra food, the customs, the famil singing and dancing were ing-up years.

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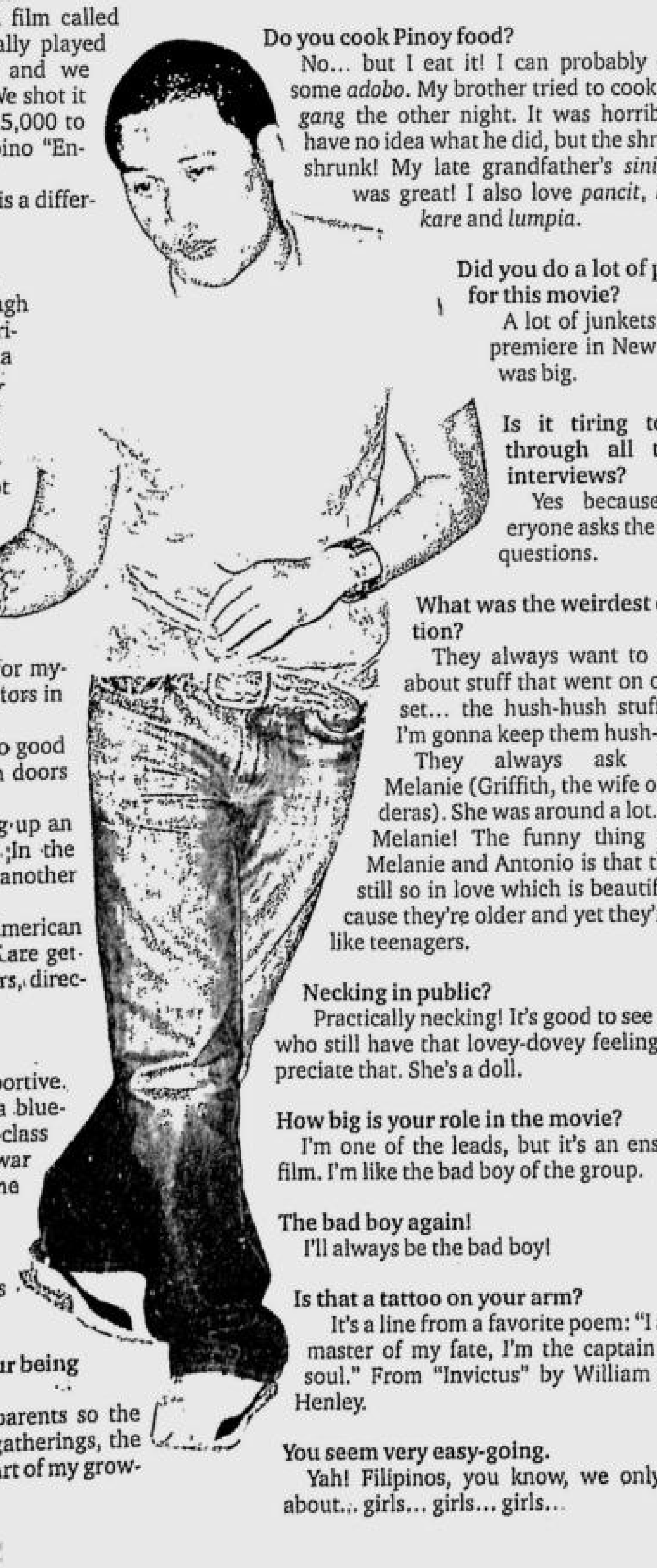


Do you cook Pinoy food?

No... but I eat it! I can probably cook some *adobo*. My brother tried to cook *sinigang* the other night. It was horrible! I have no idea what he did, but the shrimps shrunk! My late grandfather's *sinigang* was great! I also love *pancit*, *kare-kare* and *lumpia*.

Did you do a lot of press for this movie?

A lot of junkets. The premiere in New York was big.

Is it tiring to sit through all those interviews?

Yes because everyone asks the same questions.

What was the weirdest question?

They always want to know about stuff that went on on the set... the hush-hush stuff. But I'm gonna keep them hush-hush.

They always ask about Melanie (Griffith, the wife of Banderas). She was around a lot. I love Melanie! The funny thing about Melanie and Antonio is that they're still so in love which is beautiful because they're older and yet they're still like teenagers.

Necking in public?

Practically necking! It's good to see adults who still have that lovey-dovey feeling. I appreciate that. She's a doll.

How big is your role in the movie?

I'm one of the leads, but it's an ensemble film. I'm like the bad boy of the group.

The bad boy again!

I'll always be the bad boy!

Is that a tattoo on your arm?

It's a line from a favorite poem: "I am the master of my fate, I'm the captain of my soul." From "Invictus" by William Ernest Henley.

You seem very easy-going.

Yah! Filipinos, you know, we only think about... girls... girls... girls...

Is there one in your life now?

No. I know I'm gonna be married sometime soon. Until then... I just recently had my heart broken.

How long is this Philippine visit?

A week. But I'm extending it 10 days. I got some business to take care of and then I'm off to Boracay!

Do Filipinos in Hollywood support each other?

We kinda look out for each other. After a while, we go beyond the competition and cheer on the people who are doing well.

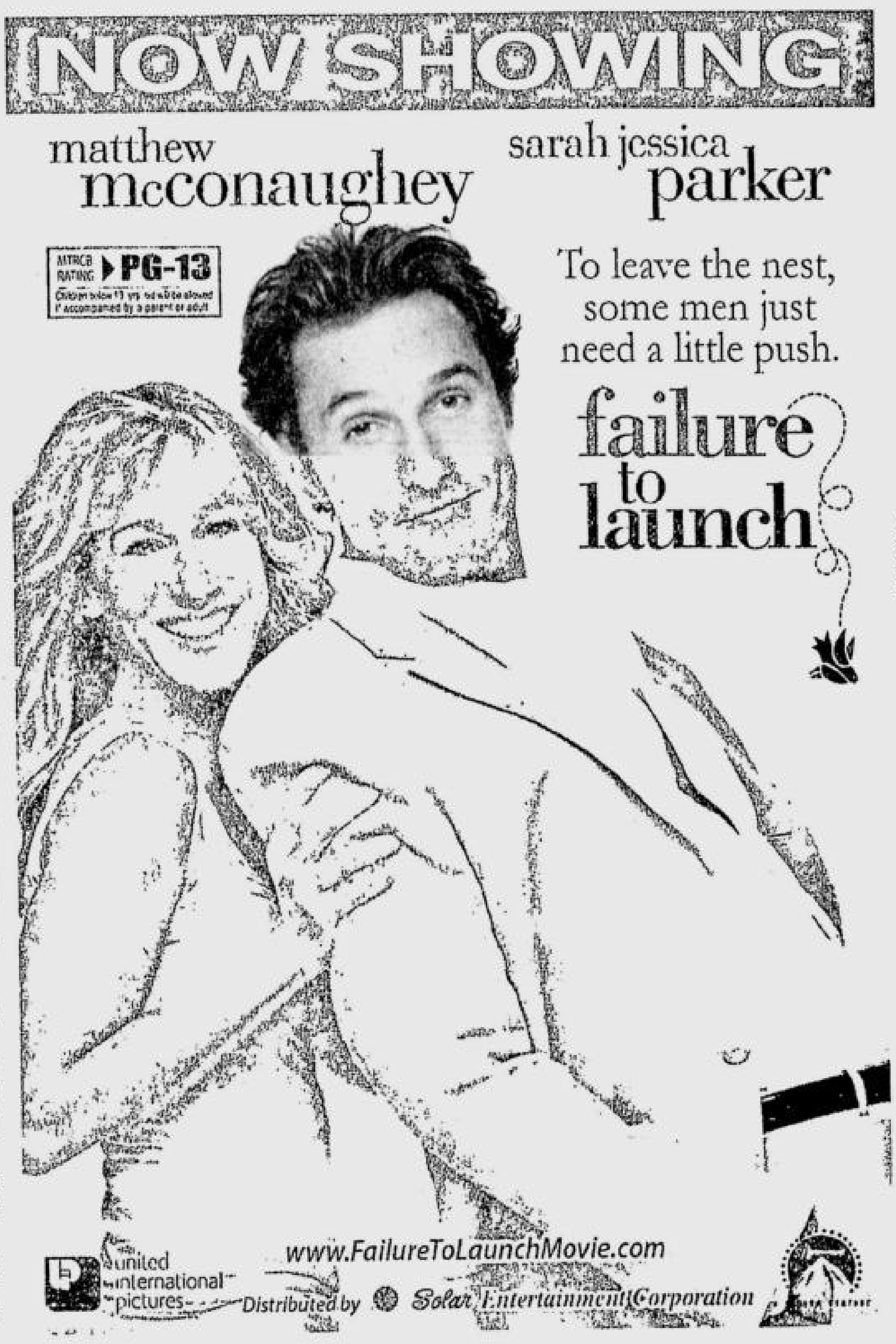
Have I told you that Giselle Toengi is a friend of mine?

Aren't you scared of being typecast as a dancer?

No. Two years ago, my acting teacher said: "You're a fine actor and you've done well but you've lost some of your spark. You need to go back and remember why you became an actor."

I realized that my reason was John Travolta in "Saturday Night Fever." And then the joy came back.

I would love to dance with Filipino dancers. Most Westerners have this stereotype that Asians can't dance. And they see me in clubs and they're like "Who's this guy?"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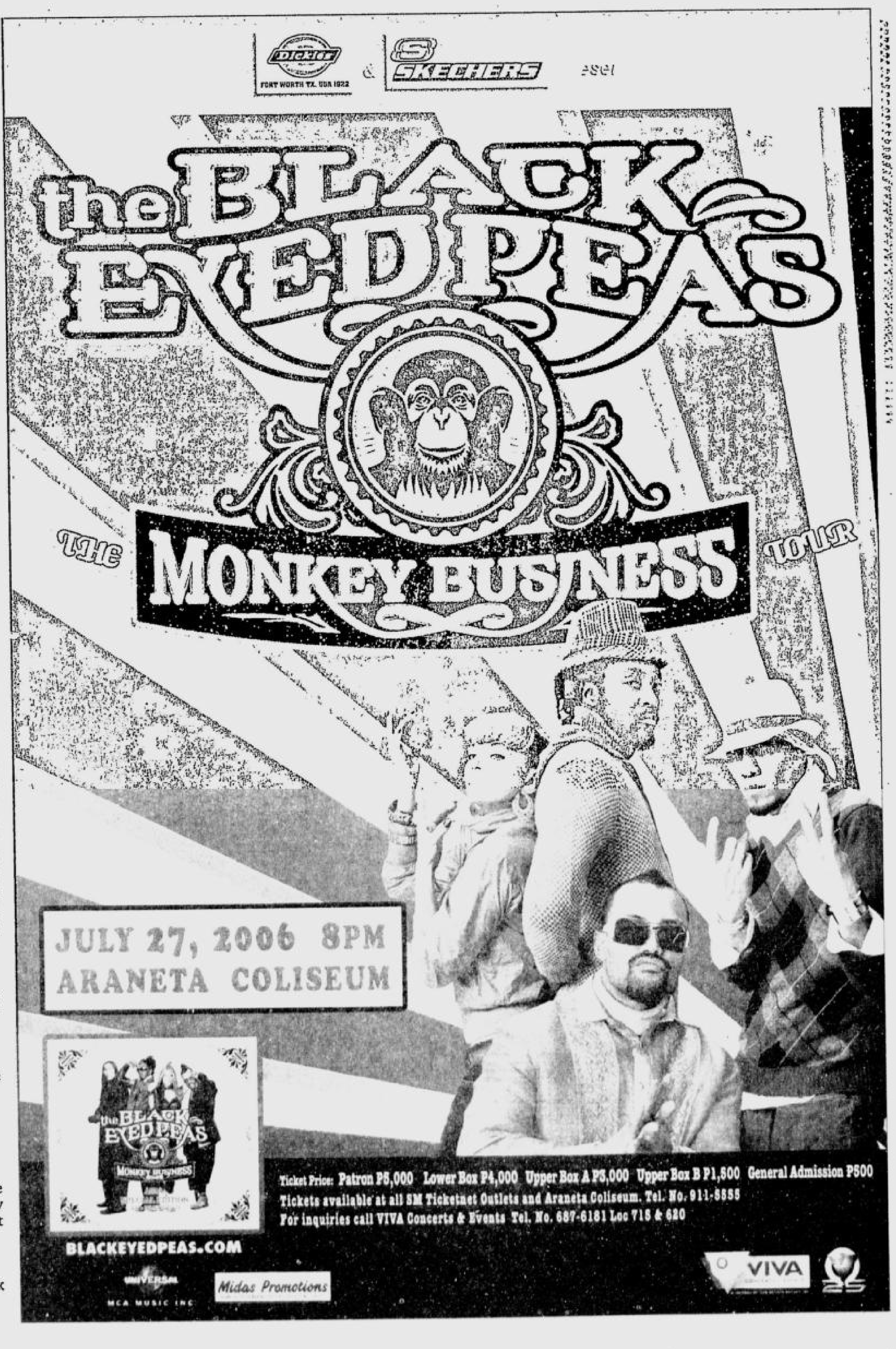
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Armed bodyguards for Jennylyn Mercado

By Nini Valera

JENNYLYN MERCADO HAS BEEN GETting threatening messages on her cell phone for several weeks, now from an unidentified person who, she believes, is a woman.

From cuss words to warnings that acid would be splashed on her face, the messages have escalated into death threats that started on Wednesday, when Jennylyn launched her second album, "Letting Go," at the Hard Rock Café in Makati City.

GMA 7 and Ayala Center provided the 19-year-old singer with armed bodyguards. But no assassin turned up, and the show went on without a hitch.

During the question and answer portion with the entertainment media, Jennylyn briefly recounted the threats: "The messages say I'm a boyfriend grabber. The sender also said today would be the last time people would see me pretty because acid would be thrown in my face."

The sender seemed to know Jennylyn's schedule. She told INQUIRER Entertainment that she had no idea who would want to harm her.

"I didn't steal anyone's boyfriend," she said. "I have suitors, but I don't have a boyfriend right now. [Besides] I know how it feels to lose a boyfriend to another girl."

Best friends

She is not about to shrug off the threats, she said. She has become extra careful, and has confided her fears to ex-boyfriend Mark Herras.

Has love been rekindled between them? "No!" said Jennylyn. "He's my best friend [now and] I tell him everything."

She denied that her new album's title is about the end of their romantic relationship. "It's about letting go of bad memories, so you can move on," she said.

JENNYLYN Mercado: "It's scary."

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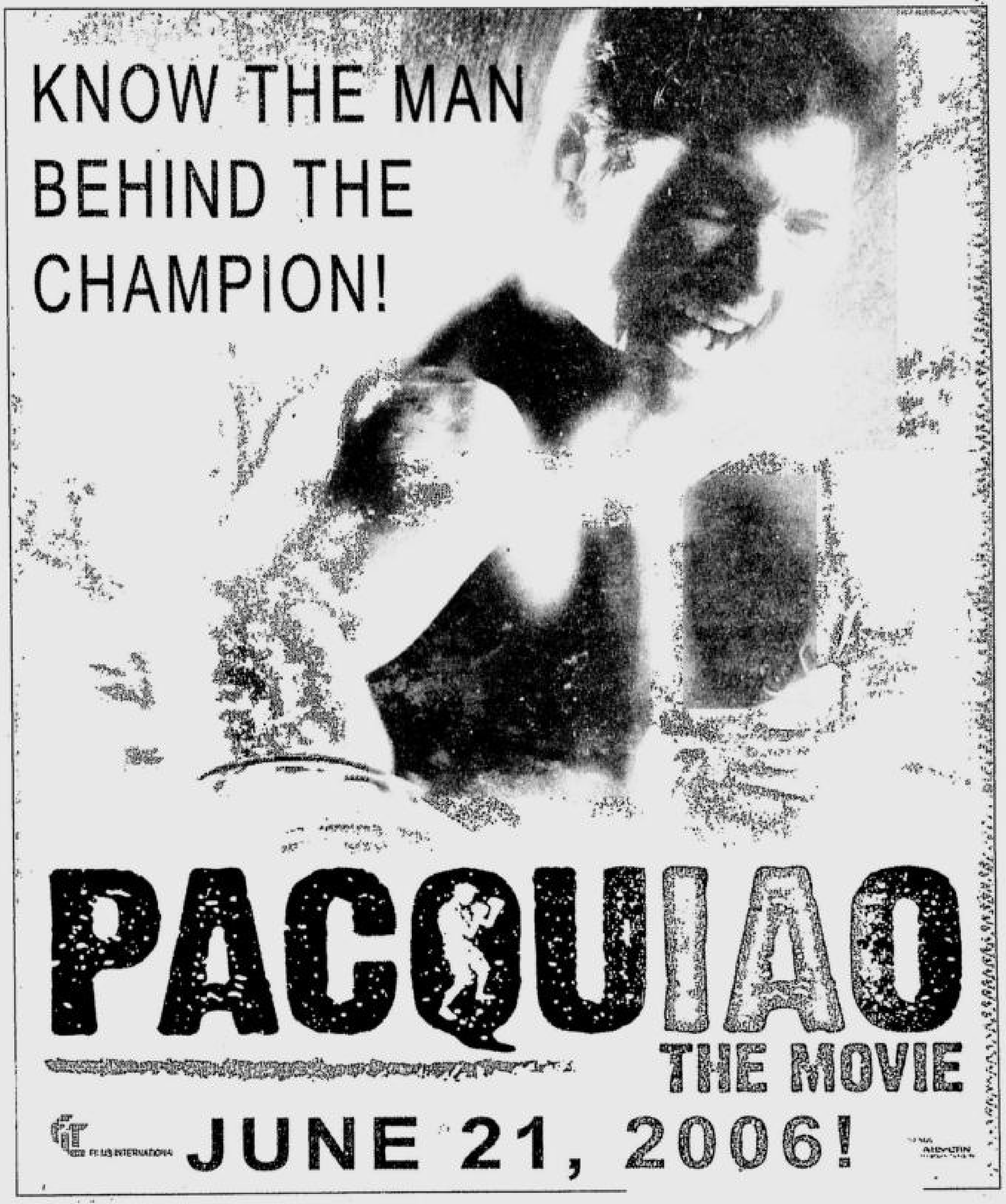

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TV GUIDE
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Paul Newman still a driven man at 81

WINNING team: Bonnie Hunt (voice of Sally Carrera), Paul Newman (voice of Doc Hudson), and director John Lasseter.

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Ruben V. Nepales

CHARLOTTE, NORTH Carolina—At 81, **Paul Newman** might have looked frail when he walked into the media room of the Lowe's Motor Speedway but, as the cliché goes, looks are deceiving.

After our press con with one of Hollywood's statesmen, he suited up and took to the track, the roar of his race car drowning out our subsequent press con with **Owen Wilson**, his co-star in Pixar's latest animated film, "Cars."

You wouldn't normally expect that from a silver-haired man dressed in a light purple tee, khaki jacket and pants, canvas sneakers and a pair of reading glasses hanging from his neck. But hey, Paul Newman is not the world's oldest racing car champ for nothing. He earned that honor in a Daytona event when he was a young man of 70.

So at this stage in his distinguished career, what is Paul doing in an animated film? The actor, coughing intermittently and speaking in a voice that's slightly hoarse-(he blamed the "allergy season") explained, "I'm 81 years old and I do less than I used to. I have done more for this film than I've done for many of my own films because I really liked working on it. I think it's a very distinguished product for an animated film."

"Cars" certainly is another fine, highly entertaining creation from those animation geniuses at Pixar. Time magazine was not exaggerating when it declared "Cars" as the first good film of this summer season. (Filipinos would be right to take pride in the fact that the film's supervising production artist is pioneer Pinoy animator **Nelson "Rey" Bohol**. Rey was the special guest of honor at the special "Cars" screening yesterday at the Mall of Asia.)

Time magazine also paid "Cars" director **John Lasseter** the supreme compliment by writing that the $7 billion that Disney shelled out to buy Pixar was essentially the price for his brain. "Yeah, now I have to wear a bike helmet when I go to the bathroom or take the shower," John jokingly said when I told him about Time's comment.

Being a car racing enthusiast, Paul is the perfect voice for his "Cars" character, Doc Hudson, a 1951 Hudson Hornet with a mysterious past. It is tough to make a film populated only by cars but Pixar does it again, imbuing a hotshot rookie race car (Owen) and a sexy 2002 Porsche (**Bonnie Hunt**), among other automobiles, distinctive personalities and charisma.

Plucky, humble

A little hard of hearing now, Paul was an engrossing mixture of pluck and humility during our interview. At first, he wore sunglasses but midway, he took them off to reveal those famous blue eyes. Married to actress **Joanne Woodward** since 1958 (that's another record), Paul sounded justifiably proud of his Newman's Own line of food products. He disclosed that to date, earnings from his mayonnaise, salad dressing and other products have enabled him to donate "about $200 million" to charities.

The Oscar and Golden Globe winner and his wife are especially admired for building The Hole in the Wall Gang Camps (named after the gang of **Butch Cassidy**, one of his memorable film characters) for seriously ill children.

Later in the evening that same day, Paul, still wearing the same clothes, showed up with Owen and company for the premiere of "Cars." Four giant movie screens magically appeared on the same track where earlier he drove a stock car (with John as his lucky passenger) and then a souped-up Hornet. Rain did not deter about 40,000 people from showing up. We all wore giveaway raincoats but the sky eventually cleared for fireworks, live band entertainment and the movie itself.

What is your favorite car?

I have a race team and we drive what they call Champ cars. They're about 750 horse power and they weigh about 1,500 pounds. They would stick to the ceiling at 140 miles an hour. I have two cars running in that series and we're now leading for the championship.

You once said that you enjoy auto racing for the grace, not for the thrill, of it. How do you find grace in that sport?

I've been athletic all my life but I never had any grace. I ski and I played football, badminton, tennis but the only sport that I've ever found any physical grace in, is racing.

The closest thing to racing is downhill skiing. You can see it in the skiers. The skiers who use the least amount of energy to get where they're going have great precision and are the ones who really go the quickest. I think that the same is true of racing. The same principles hold true. You have the edge of the ski, which gives you adhesion to get around a corner. You have your tire, which gives you adhesion. When you reach the limit of adhesion, then you're in the woods so the same principles hold true in automobile racing and skiing.

I understand that Pixar is one of your race car sponsors.

Pixar sponsored our car at Daytona twice, two years running in the 24-hour race. We didn't give them a very good car (laughter).

If you come back as a car in your next life, which one would you be?

Probably a diesel. Good mileage, but with enough heft to be hit by an SUV and not roll over.

In this age of environmentalism, don't you want to come back as a Hybrid car?

I have two Hybrids, an SUV and a Prius.

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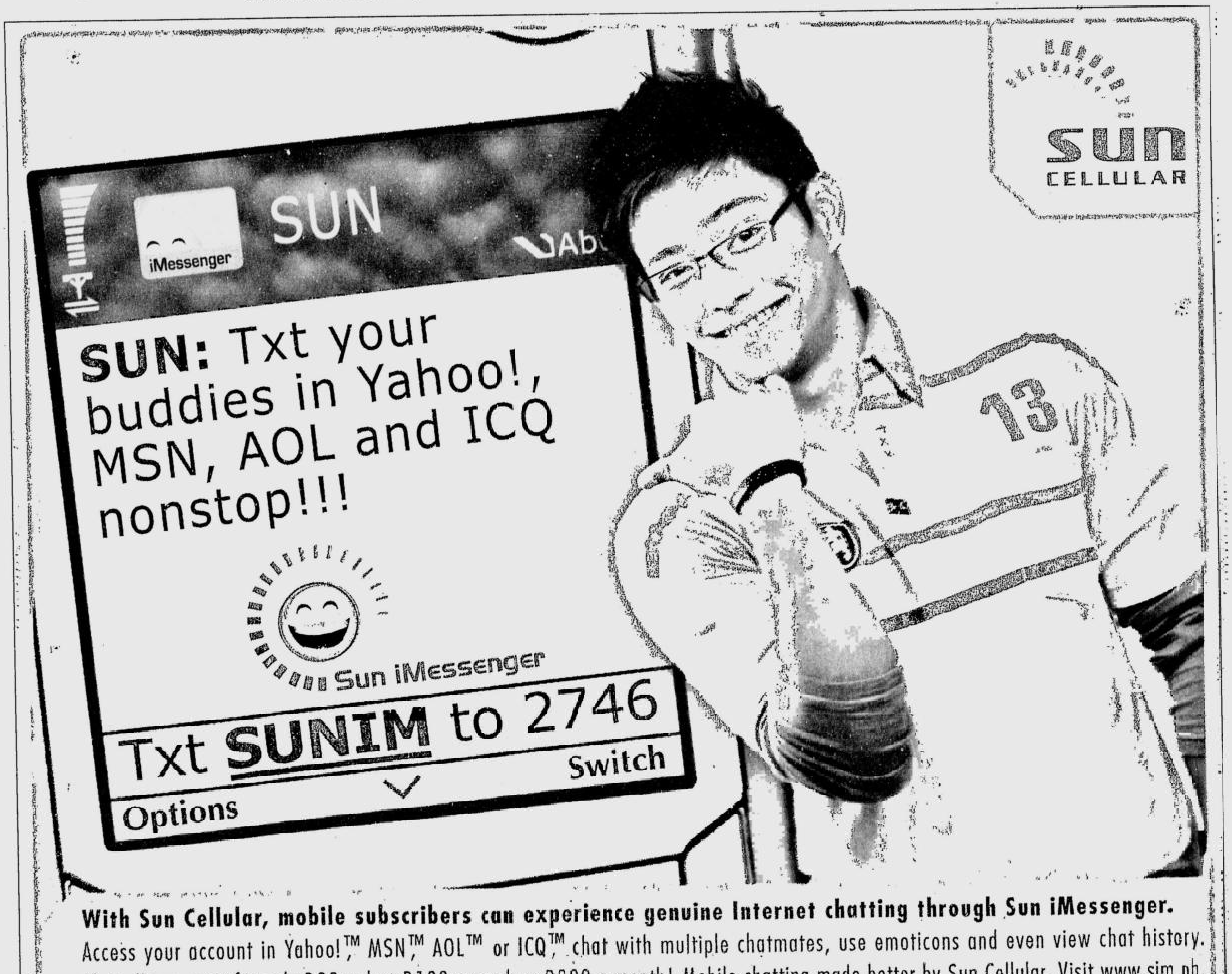

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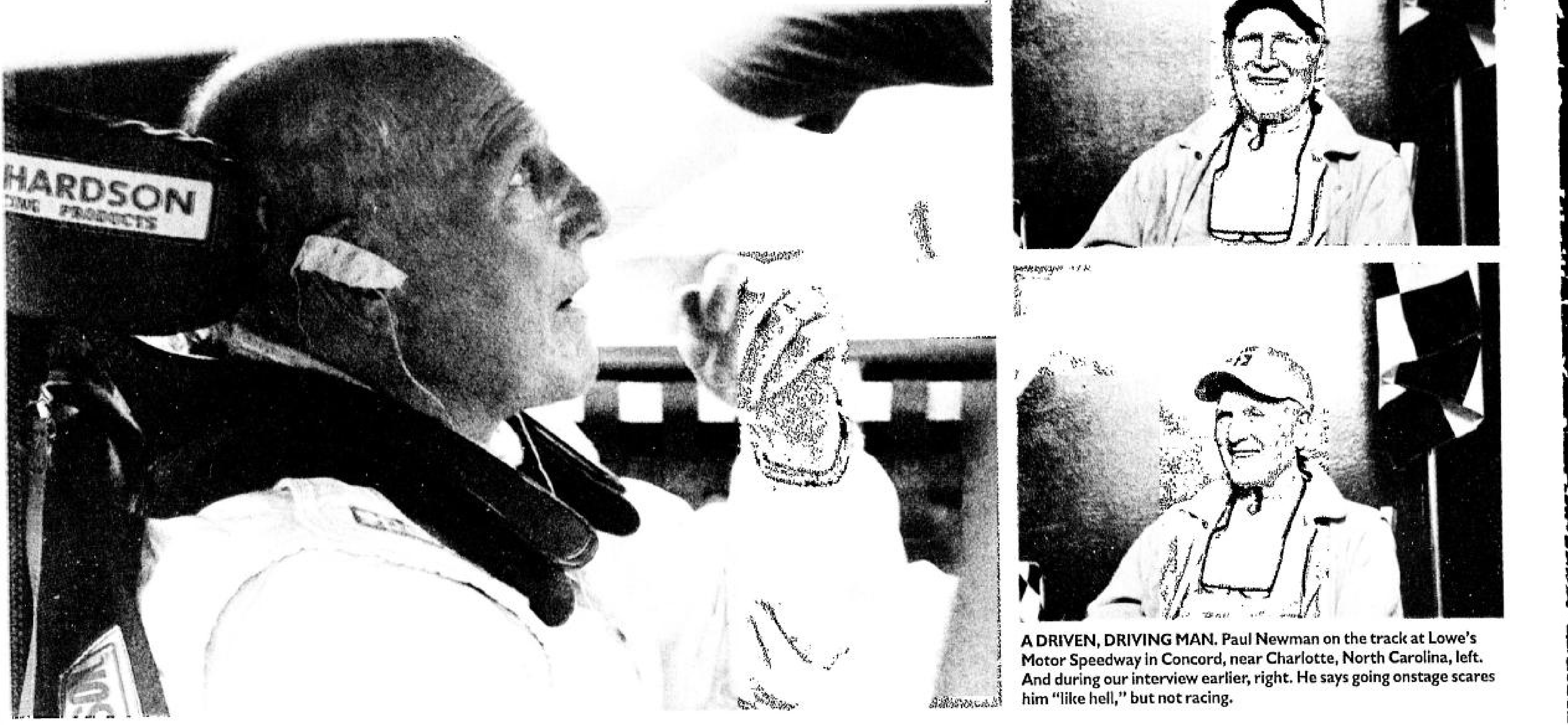

A DRIVEN, DRIVING MAN. Paul Newman on the track at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, near Charlotte, North Carolina, left. And during our interview earlier, right. He says going onstage scares him "like hell," but not racing.

Paul Newman still a driven man at 81

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Don't you want to come back as a Hybrid?

I wouldn't want to get hit in the Prius (laughter).

And how do you reconcile the culture of racing with environmentalism?

There is more fuel used up by the Super Bowl than the Daytona 500, or as much. It's the spectators that have to get from Bangor, Maine to California. That's where the fuel gets used up. You're talking about 250,000 spectators going to an event. I don't think racing uses up more gasoline than college football does. So there.

When you race, do you get nervous, as when you perform in a play?

I get nervous as hell going out on stage but I don't get nervous in a car.

What kind of driver are you off the track? Have you ever gotten a speeding ticket?

You don't want to know (laughter). When we pull out of the driveway, Joanne says, now, we're not in a hurry, are we? (laughter).

Ah, that kind of driver.

And when she pulls out of the driveway, I say we're not in a hurry, either (laughter) but it's for different reasons.

What was your experience being a talent in an animated film, where you use only your voice?

That's what animation is. You basically use half of the machinery but there are tremendous advantages to doing animation because you don't stop and start. You don't run a whole scene. You can stay in one line reading for five minutes if you want to and try it 50 different ways. It gives the director a lot of choices and very quick ones, incidentally.

Did you get a choice as to which car you will be playing?

I was too old to play the young car and just about the right age to play the old car (laughter). I had no choice. They just told me I was playing Doc Hudson.

Can you talk about director John Lasseter, who is considered a genius in the field of animation movies?

Mr. Lasseter is a force to be reckoned with. He's multi-talented. He has a great sense of story and a great sense of trust. He has a great sense about people and what motivates them. He's also a brilliant animator, and if you look at some of those shots, the depth, focus and detail of the background is exceptional. So he's a triple threat.

What words of wisdom can you share with young actors and car racers?

Being short on wisdom, I have nothing to offer (laughter). I don't know. You would have to know the limitations of the person and what his assets are in order to discuss, with any kind of imagination, what they should do. If a person has a strong suit emotionally but doesn't know how to express it, for example. This would turn into a long discussion but if you don't know the players, there's no way you can give them any advice.

When Woody Allen did the voice for one of the characters in "Antz," he told us that it was the worst job he ever had because he had a sore throat for months.

He should practice voice training (laughter).

How did you find the perfect voice and tone for your Doc Hudson car character?

I found it very early and very quickly. It just happened. After you've been in this business for 40 years, you can make some pretty quick decisions about things. I made the decision very quickly about how I wanted him to sound and it was pretty easy.

Did you read the script before you committed to this movie?

I don't think I even saw a script before I said yes.

Why was that?

That's the advantage of having a reputation (laughter).

Your film with Elizabeth Taylor, "Cat On a Hot Tin Roof" will mark its 50th anniversary in a couple of years. Do you stay in touch with Elizabeth, and what do you remember most about making that movie?

Staying in touch is hard. She's in California and I live in the East Coast. But the experience of working with her was wonderful. She was responsive and bright. Three weeks into the shooting, her husband was killed in an airplane crash. So we shut down production for a month while she got her legs back underneath her and it was difficult working. But I think in the final analysis, it was very important therapy for her to get back to work again. It worked very well.

We keep reading from time to time that this and that film will be your last movie. Would you like to continue acting?

We have a slogan on a wall in the office of the food company that says, "If we ever have a plan, we're screwed" (laughter). It speaks for itself.

This film marks your return to comedy because you have done some comedies in the early '60s. Will you make more comedies?

If I have one film left in me, I suspect it will not be a comedy. It will either be a character driven play or a movie, something with an attempt to be a serious thing.

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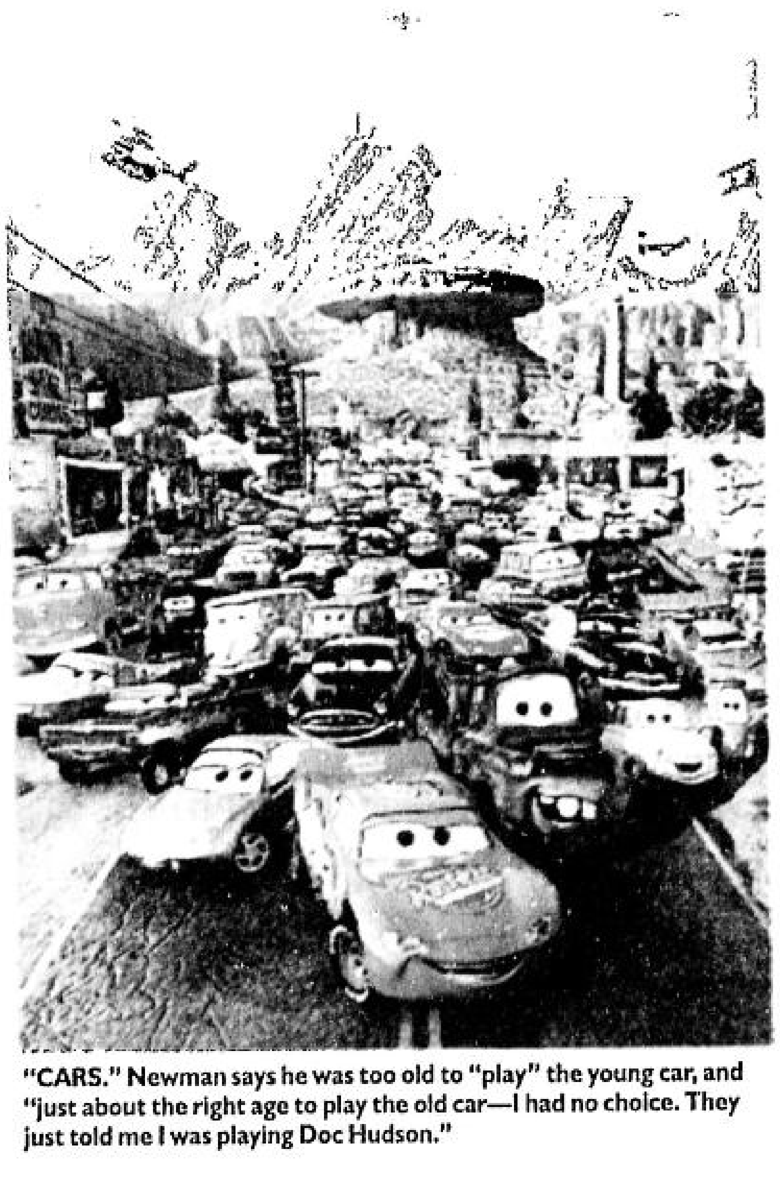

"CARS." Newman says he was too old to "play" the young car, and "just about the right age to play the old car—I had no choice. They just told me I was playing Doc Hudson."

Filipino Nelson Bohol, shown here at Pixar Animation Studios in Emeryville, California, is supervising production artist for "Cars."

In your opinion, which are the three best films from all the great ones you made?

I have no idea. The thing is that people don't realize there are so many different ingredients that go into the making of a film. If you start with a terrific script, brilliant director, cameraman and actors to work with and you turn in a good performance, big deal. But if you start with a script that is marginal, a mediocre director, maybe actors that aren't so easy to work with and you come away with a good performance from that, then you can pat yourself on the back a little more quickly.

This is another reason that racing is interesting—because there are no imponderables. You get there to the finish line a thousandth of a second before the next guy, that makes you the winner. But when they give away awards for winning on an acting performance or a directing performance, it's so hard to tell. It's very hard to make a determination about which was the best performance because you don't know how much help the actor got.

So which ones did you pat yourself on the shoulder for?

If you've got 60 minutes to sit,and wait, I'll figure it out (laughter).

Are you planning to go back to theater?

I have not been on the stage for four years. I did four plays on Broadway and then I went to Hollywood. I did not come back to the theater. But when my wife was the artistic director at the Westport Country Playhouse, I went back to the theater. You can say it was coercion. You could say it was loyalty. And we subsequently took the play to Broadway. I wish I had gone back sooner.

Any word on the film project that would reunite you with Robert Redford?

It's in the works but like any product that's in the works, I don't really like to talk about it unless it's in cement.

Is there one young actor who could be the next Paul Newman?

Beats the hell out of me.

You and Joanne have done tremendous good work by building The Hole in the Wall Gang Camps for children with cancer and other serious diseases. How many camps are there now?

We have five The Hole in the Wall Gang Camps in the United States. We have one each in Ireland, France and Great Britain. We have four small safari camps in South Africa, Botswana and Namibia. We just broke ground in Israel. We are working on camps in Jordan and Thailand. I just visited the site in Hungary and in Italy so we're growing like weeds. We saw 11,000 children last year.

How did you come up with the brand name Newman's Own for your line of products?

We needed a label for the food products and we thought it sounded right so that's what we called it. I didn't want it to be Redford's Own (laughter) so it is Newman's Own. The food line's success is surprising. This year, we finally totaled up what we've been able to give away and it is about $200 million.

Celebrity products have been on the market for a long time. The public will buy a celebrity product once out of curiosity. But if it isn't any good, that's the last time they buy it. So our stuff must be pretty good because we've been in business since 1982.

You told us jokingly a few years ago that, had you known the food products line will make a lot of money, you wouldn't have given it all to charity.

Yes, I say that as a joke. I'm delighted that the company has been so successful. I think that last year, we gave to 1,120 different charities. That's not asking people to send in grants because we're overwhelmed. But yes, I take some pride in that.

Can you describe to us a regular day in the life of Paul Newman? What are the things that you do?

If I thought very much about it, I wouldn't do it (laughter). In the last six weeks, I have made separate trips to Hungary, Italy, Mexico, Texas, North Carolina, California, Seattle and Boston. All for good causes though.

Going back to the camps for kids, can you describe what goes on in the camps, say, in Hungary?

We recently visited the camp there which was built during the Communist regime as a youth camp. The architecture certainly lacks personality but it's my understanding that you can't tell the difference when the children get there. There's just such a spirit of fun and they really get to raise hell because they're not seen as being different.

They're not excluded from anything. There's no activity at the camp that every camper can't do including climbing walls. When they're in wheelchairs, you find ways to get them in slings and they can pull themselves up. The kids in their cabin are the kids who are holding the ropes so the effect it has on the children was something that we never expected. We thought it was just a respite that they would spend for a week, raise a little hell and do some things they might not be able to do at home. But we never really realized the profound effect it would have on them and that it would last for years.

Since you travel so much, which place made a memorable impression on you lately?

People rate hotels by the restaurants, by the service they get, by the comfort of the rooms and everything. But since I travel so much, my form of exercise is running up and down stairs. I very rarely stay in a hotel that has less than six stories and I rate hotels by the stairwells (laughter). The stairwell at the Four Seasons Hotel in Budapest is as fine as a stairwell

PAUL NEWMAN/ A4-3

Newscasting with no 'commercial' strings attached

THE RECENT SUPERVISION OF an ABS-CBN news anchor focuses renewed attention on the prohibition against TV news people making commercial endorsements.

Some other TV networks don't impose such a prohibition, so why should ABS-CBN?

Quite rightly, ABS-CBN imposes this rule because it wants to protect the integrity and objectivity of its news personnel. Some people may wonder why this is necessary.

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Well, when it comes to news reportage, integrity and objectivity are everything.

When a news anchor or reporter endorses a product, he or she is expressing a subjective preference, and that distracts and detracts from his or her objectivity.

It also makes him or her not just a broadcast journalist, but also a personality—and worse, a salesperson. Again, this diminishes his or her image and essence as a reporter and upholder of facts, period.

What about "institutional" commercials? They don't plug products but the positive qualities of institutions, and thus are less "crassly" commercial.

However, news people are also inhibited from lending their names to institutional advertisements, because they're still commercial.

Why do some other TV networks allow their news talents to endorse products, services and institutions? Because they don't believe that they unduly compromise their talents' objectivity and integrity. But they're mistaken.

When you see and hear an on-camera broadcast journalist reporting the news, that's all you should see and hear. You shouldn't see a "personality" identified with a product or company.

When you do, that makes the broadcast journalist more than he or she should be, and deflects attention away from the news being reported, which should be a newscast's exclusive focus.

Of course, some people will point out that, these days, news anchors are also personalities, especially when they host "public affairs" or "newsmagazine" shows. Don't these shows also distract from their objectivity?

Yes. But, the bottom line is: When they make commercial endorsements, broadcast journalists earn a lot of money from non-news activity, and "sideline" compromises their important function as focused and objective reporters of the news—with no commercial strings attached.

New animated features

Ever since we started watching films as a tot, we've love animated movies. One of our earliest viewing memories is of "Pinocchio," a pioneering Disney production that captivated us with its deft combination of sass and wonder.

Unlike the "Snow White" and "Cinderella" cartoons, "Pinocchio" wasn't syrupy and didn't resort to excessive emotional blackmail.

Other outstanding animated features we remember watching as a kid are "Fantasia" and "Gulliver's Travels."

Around the 1970s, however, the bountiful wellsprings of animated series started to dry up. Factors that led to this decline include predictable plotlines and visual styles, excessive melodrama, childish rather than childlike presentation, and the '70s' more realistic bent, which made cartoons seem irrelevant and out of touch.

As a result, very few new animated features, were made for quite a number of years, and we felt out of sorts about it. Which is why we were especially happy when we watched the innovative and inspired combination of animation and live action that was "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?"

Then came "Toy Story," which we also liked for its renewed focus on a childlike sense of wonder, despite its being grounded on reality.

We also found "Shrek" delightful, and arrived at the instructive understanding that all three "comeback" production worked because they were able to combine reality and fantasy. Thus, they appealed to contemporary moviegoers who could no longer relate to fantasy, period.

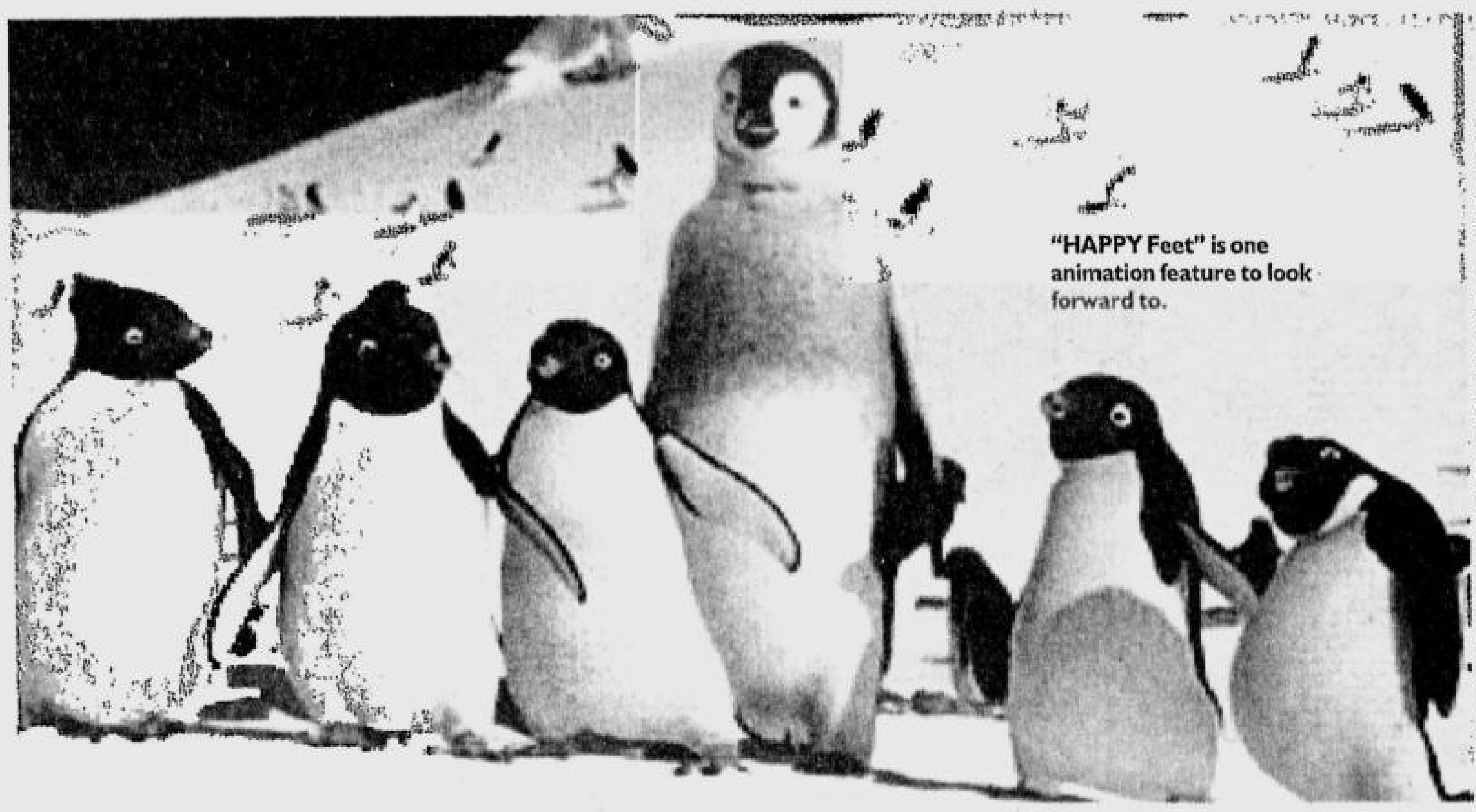
Animated features' comeback has been so successful that, in 2004, the five most popular full-length cartoons grossed more than a billion dollars, and animated features generally made more money than live-action productions.

Most recently, "Over the Hedge" had a successful run. And coming soon is a veritable cornucopia of new animated features—"The Wild," "Cars," "Happy Feet," "The Ant Bully," "Open Season," "Monster House" and "A Scanner Darkly."

Gratifyingly, these new productions evince a great range of techniques—computer animation, traditional drawing, animation done over live-action images, etc.

What's important now isn't technique or technology, but imaginative, affecting and entertaining storytelling.

As long as makers of animated features keep this in mind and go with the flow of the ever-changing times, full-length cartoons should be here to stay.



"HAPPY Feet" is one animation feature to look forward to.

To accept or not to accept

SHOULD **Susan Roces** accept the National Artist award for **Fernando Poe Jr.** when President **Macapagal-Arroyo** confers it in Malacañang Palace soon?

Those who counsel Susan against doing so believe that this could be misinterpreted as tacit approval of Arroyo's presidency.

On the other hand, people who urge her to accept the award point out that its conferment on Poe is based on merit, not politics, so it should be seen in that more focused light. What do *you* think?

For our part, we were involved in the final 2006 National Artists awards deliberation phase, and our estimation of the nominees' worth has always been based on merit, period.

We also recall that, during the final stage of the judging process, one of the proponents of Poe's candidacy was asked about any possible snags related to the acceptance of the award, and the response was in the negative.

We trust that this view will ultimately hold sway upon conferment time. After all, in this instance, the man being honored is Poe the filmmaker, not Poe the political leader.

Of course, it's also true that, in the Philippines, just about everything has been politicized, so they blithely ignore that "fact of life" would be unrealistic.

The view is that what is in question here is not Poe's politics, but Arroyo's, and how acceptance of the award by Poe's widow could help legitimize her questioned hold on the presidency.

Seen in that light, Roces' decision becomes more complex—and fraught with additional complications, once it's made, one way or the other. Let's hope she makes the most judicious and equitableo ne.

'Dirty War'

AT 9 p.m. on June 6, HBO screens "Dirty War," a gritty fictional drama based on actual research on the United Kingdom's extensive preparations by disaster relief planners, government leaders and emergency-service providers, in the wake of 9/11 and the Madrid train bombings. **Daniel Percival** directs.

'Sometimes in April'

THE HBO ORIGINAL movie, "Sometimes in April," focuses on the harrowing atrocities in Rwanda. It dramatizes the massacre of one million Tutsis by Hutu nationalists through the story of two Kutu brothers—a reluctant soldier and a radio personality—whose lives were forever changed by the genocide.

"Sometimes in April" will be screened on HBO Signature at 10 p.m. on June 9.

Village People and Sister Sledge

ON JULY 1, the Village People and Sister Sledge will perform at Araneta Coliseum. Call 633-9825 to 27.

The popular Village People's first LP was released in 1977. In the summer of 1978, the title cut from their second album, "Macho Man" became a hit, and the LP itself went platinum. In the fall, they struck while the proverbial iron was hot and released their third album, "Cruisin'," which spawned their biggest hit "In the Navy," and the group also starred in their own film, "Can't Stop the Music."

The Village People celebrated their 20th anniversary with a US tour. A new incarnation of the group has continued to perform, touring with **Cher** in 2004-2005. When she retired, the group set out on its own tour across the United States.

'Fear Factor'

THE SIXTH season of "Fear Factor," the ultimate reality challenge, premieres on June 22 on AXN, and will air every Thursday at 9 p.m. This time around, contestants team up with family members and even complete strangers.

Paul Newman still ...

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should be (laughter). Incidentally, Joanne has always said that if you can't find Paul, look in the stairwell (laughter).

You are the very definition of manliness. What makes a man a man?

I wouldn't have the slightest idea (laughter). You got to have some conviction that you stick by. If you've been very lucky, as I have been, hold your hand out to people who are less fortunate than you. I believe luck is responsible for almost everything.

You have been an enthusiastic champion of Tom Cruise. Do you think he's getting a bad shake from the public?

I am really not as conversant about that as I ought to be so I can't answer that.

Do you think his star will continue to shine?

Oh, I think so. He's a very gifted actor and if you really watch his performances, they're marvelously well thought-out, emotionally engaged and involved.

Do you keep in touch with him?

Well, again, it's difficult. He lives out on the West Coast and we live in the East. We had dinner together four months ago or something like that.

You have a reputation for being a man with a deep social conscience. In this light, what are the five most burning issues of our time, that you are most concerned about?

I hate to have questions thrown at me because there might be 15 things and I haven't quite put them in order and had a chance to think. But to answer that question, obviously, the environment is critical. The Mideast is critical. Government of the people, by the people and for the people is critical and it's something that I don't think we have in this country right now. Let me leave the last two blank because I haven't got them quite in order. But if I had to, poverty, safe drinking water and the AIDS epidemic. There's probably 17 more of lesser importance but important to the people who suffer from them. I'd have to end it there.

Your hour is up. Now you can share which films do you pat yourself on the shoulder for.

It would be very hard to say that I have a favorite. They would be favorites for different reasons so I can't really answer that question.

E-mail the columnist at rvnepales_5585@yahoo.com.

Pilipinas: Ang Nakaraan
Pahina 12

Ngayong ika-12 ng Hunyo, sabay-sabay nating ipagbunyi ang ating kalayaan.

Enchanted Kingdom, bukas sa araw ng Kalayaan, ika-12 ng Hunyo mula alas diyes ng umaga hanggang alas diyes ng gabi. Espesyal ang araw na ito! Espesyal din at mahaba ang ating mga paputok pagdating ng alas nuebe ng gabi. Halina't magsaya!

Mula Hunyo 5 hanggang Agosto 3 ang Enchanted Kingdom ay bukas ng Sabado at Linggo lamang sa ganap na ika-10 ng umaga hanggang ika-10 ng gabi. Ang paputok ay mapapanood ng alas nuebe ng gabi.

10 Years
Enchanted Kingdom
The magic stays with you.

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Kapuso, 56 na tayo!

Tunay pong napakarami naming ipinagpapasalamat sa 56 taon na ating pinagsaluhan. Kitang-kita po na kasabay ng patuloy ninyong pagtangkilik, patuloy rin pong lumalaki ang agwat ng ating ratings sa kabila. Mula po sa aming lahat sa GMA,

Maraming, maraming salamat, Kapuso!

JAN-MAY 2006 OVERALL CHANNEL RATINGS
Mega Manila TV Households TOTAL DAY (6am-12mn)

	1st Qtr	April	May
GMA	18.3	17.1	18.1
ABS-CBN	13.7	12.2	11.6
DIFF (GMA-ABS)	4.6	↑ 4.9	6.5

JAN-MAY 2006 CHANNEL RATINGS BY DAYPART

NON-PRIMETIME (6am-630pm)

	1st Qtr	Apr-May 2006
GMA	14.6	13.6
ABS-CBN	10.4	8.6
DIFF (GMA-ABS)	4.2	↑ 5.0

PRIMETIME (630pm-11pm)

	1st Qtr	Apr-May 2006
GMA	28.7	28.7
ABS-CBN	23.2	20.8
DIFF (GMA-ABS)	5.5	↑ 7.9

LATE NIGHT (11pm-12mn)

	1st Qtr	Apr-May 2006
GMA	16.9	17.4
ABS-CBN	12.0	12.2
DIFF (GMA-ABS)	4.9	5.2

TOP 10 *Primetime* PROGRAMS ARE ALL ON GMA

Mega Manila TV Households Jan-May 2006

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	RATING (%)
1	CAPTAIN BARBELL	GMA	37.5
2	I LUV NY	GMA	35.3
3	JEWEL IN THE PALACE	GMA	35.0
4	MAJIKA	GMA	34.5
5	MY NAME IS KIM SAM SOON	GMA	34.4
6	ENCANTADIA PAG-IBIG HANGGANG WAKAS	GMA	33.0
7	LOVE OF THE CONDOR HEROES	GMA	32.6
8	BITOY'S FUNNIEST VIDEOS YARI KA!	GMA	29.3
9	ETHERIA ANG IKALIMANG KAHARIAN NG ENCANTADIA	GMA	29.2
10	EXTRA CHALLENGE	GMA	29.1

TOP 10 *Daytime* PROGRAMS ARE ALL ON GMA

Mega Manila TV Households Jan-May 2006

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	RATING (%)
1	EAT BULAGA	GMA	25.9
2	GOKUSEN	GMA	20.5
3	FANTASTIKIDS	GMA	20.1
4	DAISY SIETE	GMA	19.9
5	FROG PRINCE	GMA	19.1
6	WISH KO LANG	GMA	18.8
7-8	KUNG MAMAHALIN MO LANG AKO	GMA	18.1
	ONE PIECE	GMA	18.1
9	AGAWIN MO MAN ANG LAHAT	GMA	17.4
10	SAD LOVE SONG	GMA	17.3

7 OUT OF THE TOP 10 *NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS* PROGRAMS ARE ON GMA

Mega Manila TV Households Jan-May 2006

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	RATING (%)
1	24 ORAS	GMA	27.9
2	KAPUSO MO JESSICA SOHO	GMA	27.4
3	IMBESTIGADOR	GMA	25.4
4	TV PATROL WORLD	ABS-CBN	[illegible]
5	XXX EXKLUSIBONG EXPLOSIBONG EXPOSE	ABS-CBN	[illegible]
6	SOCO SCENE OF THE CRIME OPERATIVES	ABS-CBN	[illegible]
7	SAKSI LIGA NG KATOTOHANAN	GMA	9.5
8	I-WITNESS	GMA	7.2
9	PINOY ABROAD	GMA	5.6
10	EMERGENCY	GMA	5.5

At pati ang ating Ka-Q ay patuloy ninyong tinatangkilik!

JAN-MAY 2006 OVERALL CHANNEL RATINGS
Mega Manila TV Households TOTAL DAY (6am-12mn)

	1st Qtr	Apr-May 2006*
QTV 11	1.9	2.2
ABC 5	1.2	1.2
STUDIO 23	1.0	1.1

* Starting May 8, QTV signs on at 6am

Ang tiwala pong ito ang nagsisilbing inspirasyon sa amin upang patuloy kaming makapaghatid sa inyo ng mga programang inyong kagigiliwan, aabangan at lubos na pagkakatiwalaan.

GMA
Kapuso ng bawat Pilipino

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VIVIAN Lo is Cathay's first female GM in the Philippines.

Flying high with a female airline exec

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

VIVIAN LO DOES NOT admit she was a brilliant student. But she admits she only applied with four firms after graduation and all accepted her.

The first female country manager of Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. (CX) in the Philippines was accepted by two banks, the airlines and another firm.

"But I could not imagine myself as a banker," says the petite, young looking 30 something who has clocked in 12 hours of flying. Cathay proved to be the most attractive firm so she joined it.

"I think it's amazing to join an airline and see the world. And the longer I work in Cathay, the more proud I am of the company. I think it's the best company in the world," Lo gushes and proceeds to talk about how much she loves her company and that she believes it is one of the most caring firms in the world.

Cathay and the Philippines have had a long relationship.

It is an important market for CX—one of its top ten biggest in the world in terms of passenger traffic.

Her appointment as the country's first female GM attest to her abilities.

"The Philippines was actually part of the first maiden flight of Cathay in September 1946," reveals Lo. The first flight was a chartered flight that flew from Hong Kong to Manila then Shanghai," explains Lo.

Despite the demanding and varied tasks given her by the airlines the past ten years, Vivian meets its challenge with energy. Her main problem initially was looking too young.

Her youthful looks and small physique made her look much younger than her age. To offset this, she wore only black and gray suits. Now that she is older, she claims she has added

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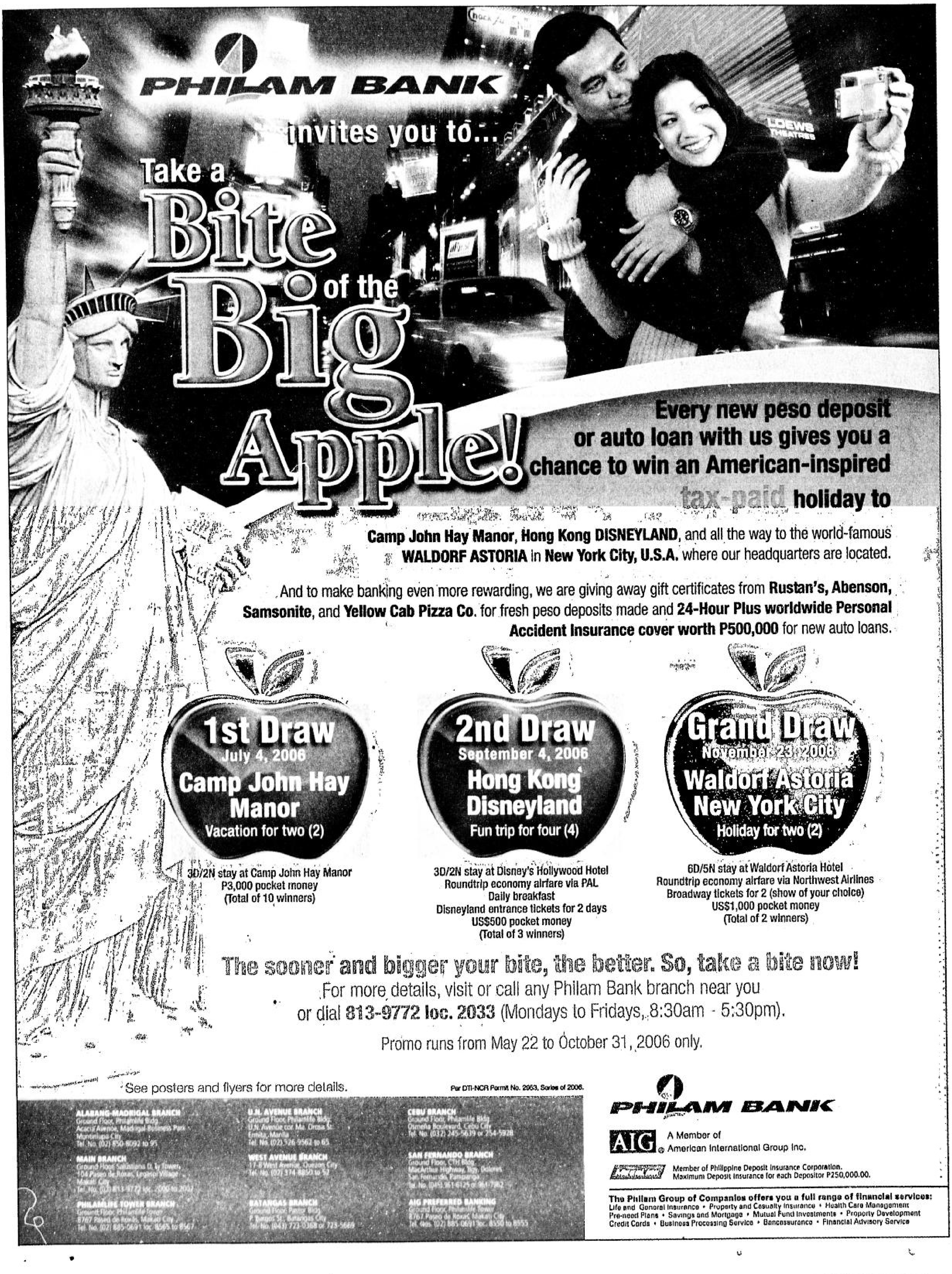

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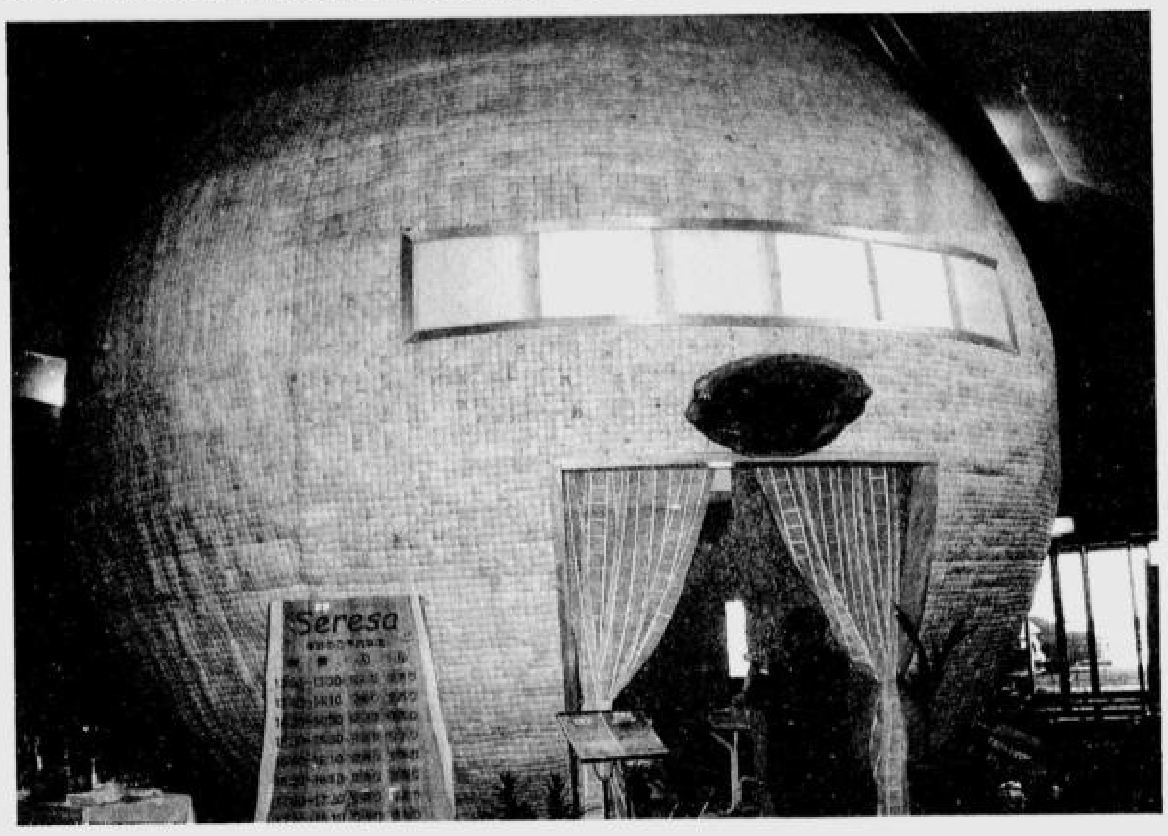
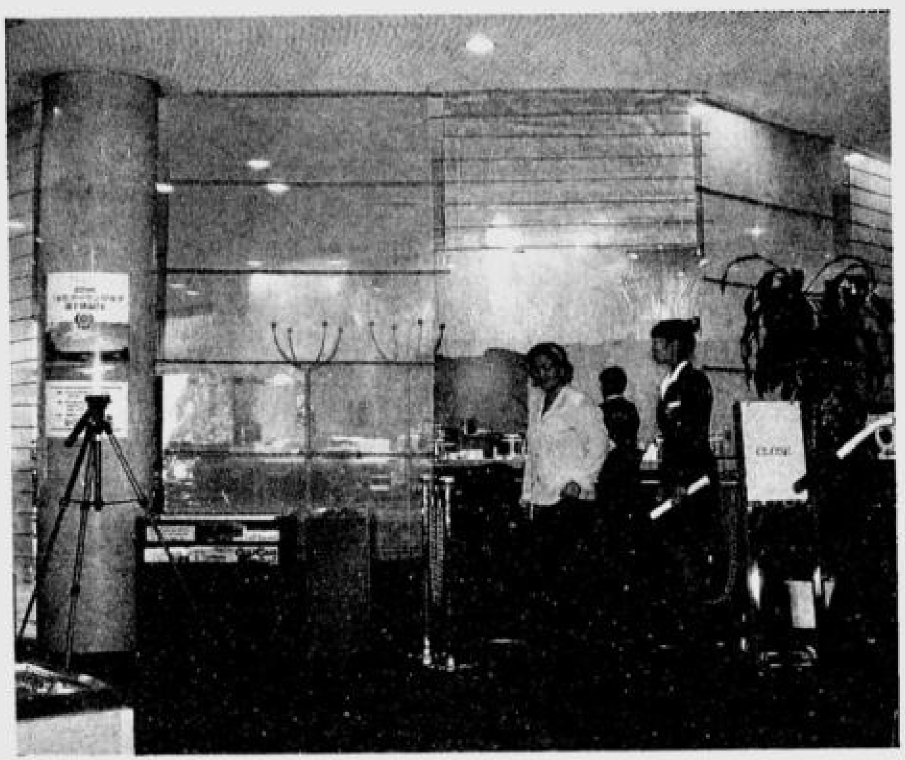
Philippine 'sphere' finds home in Japan

Businessman makes one-of-a-kind creation the centerpiece of his gold club



THE "SPHERE" (*kabilogan*) represents one of the seven deep forms of the coconut which were highlighted in the Philippine Pavilion at the 2005 World Expo in Aichi. The six others are the staff (*tungkod*), frond (*palapa*), flange (*gilid*), filament (*himaymay*), flesh (*laman*) and oil (*lana*).



THE CLUB house's coffee shop appears like a showroom of Philippine products—from the *sinamay* curtains to the wall decors and some of its tables.

Text & photos by Corrie Salientes-Narisma

NAGOYA—THE PHILIPPINE "sphere" found a home in Japan. It now sits prominently in the middle of the huge reception hall of the club house of the 350-hectare Cherry Lake Golf and Country Club in Gifu Prefecture, about an hour away from Nagoya in Japan.

Referred to here is the Philippine Pavilion Sphere, the center piece of the country's award-winning pavilion at the World Expo 2005 in Aichi, Japan. The Sphere was a crowd-drawer bringing in most of the 2.2 million visitors, (about 10.28 percent of the expo's total visitor arrivals), to the Philippines' 324-square meter nook at the expo during the exhibition period. It showcased the Philippine culture, native products, food and the Filipino warmth and hospitality.

A real work of art and a proof of the Filipinos' ingenuity, the Sphere was conceptualized by the Department of Tourism's Team Japan led by Philippine CVC deputy executive director Rosvi C. Gaetos and designed by architect Ed Calma. It was executed by a Japanese agency commissioned by the DOT.

The Sphere's outer surface is made up of 76,000 pieces of coconut tiles, taken from 38,000 coconut shells (only two rectangles can be taken from one shell), painstakingly "sewn" by hands to form a huge ball. The inner surface is made up of *abaca*, giving the interior a native Filipino atmosphere. It measures 8 meters in diameter. The first level has a floor area of 11.5 square meters and the second, 13.5 sq. meters.

CLGCC president Katsumi Fujiwara and Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano exchange pleasantries inside the Sphere.

From the outside, the two-storey Sphere may look like a huge globe or a giant ball, but inside, it can be mistaken as a charming, cozy home of a small family, with the first floor as the living and dining area, and the second floor as the bedroom. But during the World Expo, it was virtually an oasis that provided weary visitors with a place to relax, regain their energy with the soothing aromatherapy and massage treatment provided by Filipino therapists on the second floor of the Sphere. The first floor served delicious Filipino dishes.

A NATIVE lamp, shaped like a huge jelly fish, hangs from the ceiling of the therapeutic massage area of the Sphere

It was this experience and the fact that the Sphere looked like a giant golf ball that caught the interest of Kikuo Kirihigashi, chair of the Cherry Lake Golf and Country Club (CLGCC) and owner of at least eight medical facilities in Japan. For 5 million yen (about P2.5 million), he bought the Sphere and all the native products displayed in it after the six-month World Expo (March 26 to April 26), and transported these to the club house of his golf course in Gifu prefecture.

Today, the Sphere is prominently placed at the center of the reception hall of the CLGCC club house and it was where Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano, Team Japan's Rosvi Gaetos and Araceli Soriano found it when they visited this part of Japan for the 2nd Philippine Business Mission last May 22 to 26.

Durano and his party saw how the Sphere remained an oasis offering reprieve and soothing therapeutic massage to club members after a round of golf.

A tour of the club house showed them Philippine native tables and stools, *sinamay* curtains—displayed at the Philippine Pavilion during the 2005 World Expo—used in the club house coffee shop. Other Philippine native products were displayed in various parts of the facility. What they saw made Gaetos and Soriano to quip, "*walang nasayang* (nothing was wasted)."

Not only did the purchase of the Sphere by CLGCC save the DOT the huge cost and efforts needed in dismantling the pavilion displays and transporting them back to the Philippines, it also gave the DOT's Team Japan a sense of pride in Filipino artistry and craftsmanship preserved and housed in a prestigious golf and country club in Japan.

Training tourism workers

TOURISM HAS BECOME A PRIME EMployer of these days, thus the need for more competent, well-trained front-liners.

Gearing up for this challenge is the Center for Hospitality Arts Management Philippines (CHAMP) which aims to transform new graduates and industry practitioners into frontliners that are more adept and prepared to handle the most demanding jobs in the tourism industry.

"CHAMP's goal is to be able to reach out to people who want a good training and education for an entry-level job in the tourism industry," explained Anabelle O. Moreno, Chief Operating Officer of CHAMP.

Accredited by the Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA), CHAMP offers a one-year Certificate in Hotel and Restaurant Operations, a two-year Diploma Program in Hospitality Management and a Certificate of Competency such as Housekeeping, Front Office, Food and Beverage, Cooking, Baking, and Bartending.

CHAMP adopts a modular program of study which seeks to provide a fast tracked approach of completing the programs. Students of CHAMP are given the freedom to choose only the modules that they need or their budget will allow them to take.

"To date, we are the only hospitality school that has modules that are competency-based, patterned after the minimum competency standards that TESDA has crafted with the participation of industry experts through the Tourism Industry Board Foundation Inc (TIBFI). Called the Philippine-Australian Quality Technical Vocation Education and Training Project (PAQTVET Project), it aims to transform Phil. TVET into an efficient and effective industry-led, demand-driven, and values-laden education and training system. Funding for the PAQTVET Project is provided by the Australian Aid for Industry Development (AusAID)," Moreno noted.

Moreno also said that the CHAMP curriculum has been designed to give students the practical training they need with 70 percent of their time devoted to hands-on training.

Hands-on work will be at CHAMP's own training hotel—the Champ International Hostel, a 42-room hostel in Quezon City, as well as with CHAMP's numerous affiliate hotels and restaurants.

"All our instructors are industry practitioners who will guide them through real-life situations in the workplace," she added.

"We have a placement partner in Hospitality Staff Phils. Inc. (HSPI). HSPI is a respected and reputable employment company that specializes in placing hospitality workers both locally and abroad."

Although the school is offering short and vocational courses, students can have the units they have taken be credited to a four-year Bachelor degree. CHAMP's tuition fee levels aims to reach a larger number of people.

Classes start this month at the CHAMP campus located at CHAMP International Hostel in Kamias Road, Quezon City. Limited slots will be available for student loans or scholarships for qualified and deserving applicants. For inquiries, call 928-2641 or 928-1246, or e-mail: champ@cravingsgroup.com.

Coffee brewing on the decline

COFFEE CONSUMPTION IN THE Philippines may appear on a growth track because of coffee shops sprouting all over the metropolis. But the facts show a different picture.

While coffee drinking has become a fad particularly to the young, the total coffee category in the country is struggling to keep on a stable track.

A study by research group AC Nielsen showed a 13 percent decline in sales during the first four months of the year compared with the same period in 2003 for the total coffee category. Annual coffee consumption of Filipinos has been on a downtrend.

The Nielsen data reported that in 2005, total coffee sales was just over 10,000 metric tons.

However there has been an increase in the sales of coffee mixes and out-of-home segments due to changing consumer behavior towards coffee. Coffee mixes are popular among call center agents who work on a graveyard shift while out-of-home coffee served in coffee shops and internet cafés are in-demand from young professionals and students.

The sales increase from this segment however is still not enough to offset the decline in industry sales.

One critical issue affecting the coffee industry in the country is the volume of green coffee produced annually. For the past few years, green coffee harvest of local farmers fell short of the industry's demand—particularly the robusta variety.

With farmers eyeing short-term results of their crops, coffee harvest becomes highly dependent on its market value. The standard world trade price for green coffee is fairly unstable—between P40 per kilogram and P80 per kilogram in a period of one year. When the world trade price for green coffee is low, the local crop production of coffee goes down with it, and when prices are high, farmers are encouraged to plant more coffee.

In the past five years, the crop production of robusta coffee in the Philippines exhibited an erratic movement—going up and down by as much as 20 percent. This scenario leaves coffee makers no choice but to import their remaining green coffee requirements from other coffee-producing nations like Vietnam.

This is a sad reality for a nation that was once known as the third biggest producer of coffee in the world, next only to Brazil and Columbia.

Spent coffee grounds provide firm power

THE NESTLE PHILIPPINES' CAGAYAN de Oro Factory saves around 30,000 liters of fuel daily.

This is because it uses a boiler system which utilizes spent coffee grounds as fuel for the plant's steam requirements. Coffee by-products, otherwise known as spent coffee, are the remains of coffee solids after they have been roasted and grounded.

"As early as 1994, the factory had been using the concept of biomass disposal using the Lurgi Waste Heat Boiler System," reveals Rudy Trillanes, Factory Manager of the Cagayan de Oro Factory and Senior Vice President of Nestle Philippines, Inc. (NPI). "It uses coffee grounds, by-products after extracting coffee liquor from roasted coffee beans, as a fuel to generate steam."

Last October, to cope with the increasing volume of coffee production, NPI installed an additional boiler, the Atmospheric Fluidized Bed Boiler (AFBB).

"This new boiler technology has a higher capacity that can handle not only solid biomass from our coffee processes but also colored water concentrate and wastewater treatment sludge," tells Trillanes.

On an average production day, Trillanes says they recycle and burn spent coffee grounds equivalent to 30,000 liters of bunker fuel.

Soluble coffee production

Green coffee beans from 11 coffee buying stations of NPI are shipped to the Cagayan de Oro Factory for cleaning and drying and for production process.

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CATHAY
CATHAY PACIF

LO is learning to fly.

Flying high...

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others colors to her wardrobe.

But she still avoids dressing casually—even in the golf course.

"When you're introduced to clients in the golf course, you can't wear a Mickey Mouse shirt," she laughs.

But the airlines must have seen beyond her youthful looks and saw the potential of the then fresh graduate as she was placed in the management trainee pool. This meant after her training she would go to the General Management List. Now there are pluses and minuses of being in the GML.

The plus side is that all the top posts of the airlines are filled from names from the list. And GML members go through exactly the same training programs that the top honchos went through. The minus side is that all Cathay employees, except those in the GML, can apply to various posts available in the airlines.

The ones in the GML are at the beck and call of the head office. Assignments are often given on short notice. But Vivian has no problems with this even if there were times she got only a few weeks' notice to transfer to another country.

Her career growth has been quick in Cathay starting as an engineering project officer. Her first post required her to look at the cost efficiency of the fuel and maintenance programs of Cathay.

"I wrote a program that I think they are still using," Lo adds.

Her initial years were focused on the commercial side of technical departments.

After her three-year management training, Lo was assigned to airline planning which is route and aircraft study and deployment, network and frequency planning.

Lo apparently passed the training with flying colors because barely six months after the training she was appointed manager of Cathay in Hanoi, Vietnam.

In between country posts, Lo was pulled to the main office to work as Network Revenue Manager. This exposed her to finance work.

"I was in charge of sales and revenue management for half of the CX network namely, North America, Southeast Asia, Japan, India and the Middle East.

After brief stints as country manager in Malaysia and Brunei in mid-2002, Lo was once more brought back to headquarters in Hong Kong and made the Manager for International Affairs in December 2003. Her main task was negotiating for traffic rights and liaisoning with various government agencies.

She says she is a good negotiator—but only when it comes to Cathay. When it comes to negotiating for personal causes, she is useless.

Which is why she never shops in places she has to haggle. Lo admits she is not your typical female because she does not like shopping.

So what does she do during weekends?

She thinks. "I am a strategist. I think about what the team can do in the long term. Every time I am in a country I create a five year vision."

Lo says she never imposes what she wants. Instead she presents numbers to her team and they all work on it.

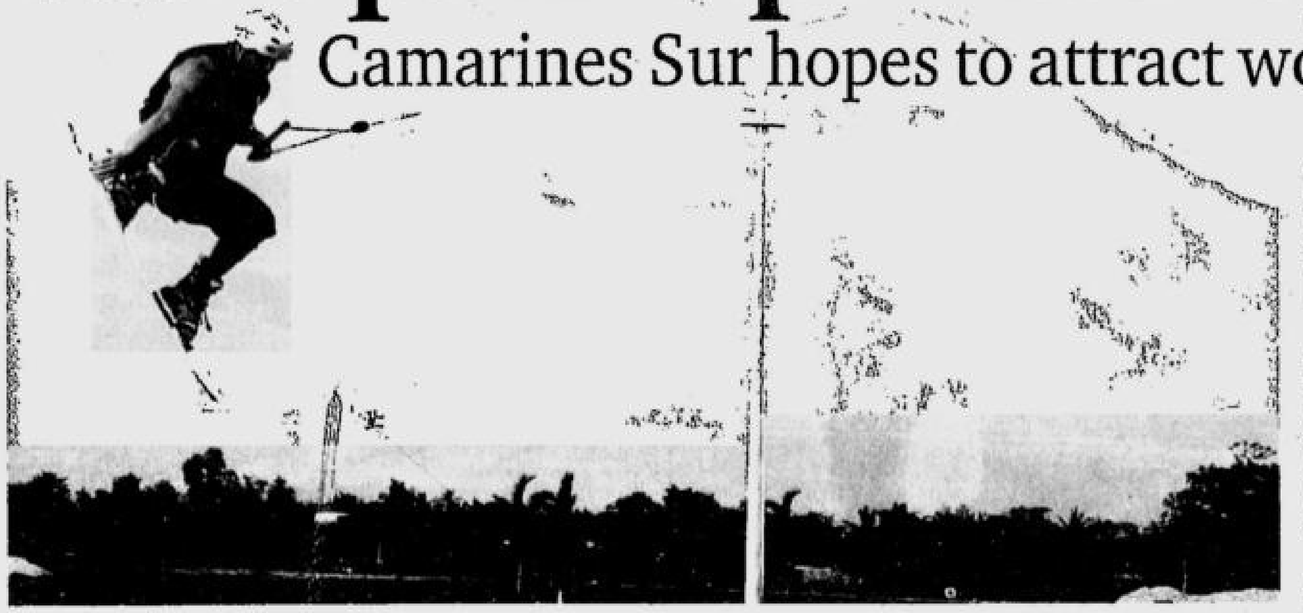
She spends time coaching her staff.

As country manager, her work means "running the local office including sales, marketing, finance, engineering, airports, reservation, human resources etc."

Cathay was set up by two former World War II pilots—American Roy Farrell and Australia Sydney de Kantzow. In 1948, majority of the firm was acquired by Hong Kong trading company Butterfield and Swire and Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. began operations on July 1, 1948.

Cable park taps water sports enthusiasts

Camarines Sur hopes to attract world extreme water sports athletes



A SEASONED rider does an aerial stunt or trick, one of the major points to score high in the professional wakeboarding competition.

By Juan Escandor Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

PILI, CAMARINES SUR—GEARING UP FOR bigger entrepreneurial challenge in addition to several tourist resorts and facilities already in business for 10 years now, the provincial government here has opened a cable park, the second in the country but the first one owned by a local government unit.

A cable park is a facility that allows sports enthusiasts engage in water sports—water skiing and its derivatives—wake boarding, wake skating and knee boarding sans towing motorboat but using a cable technology to tow the riders.

Relatively new, the cable technology for water skiing was introduced in a six-hectare cable park complex here with a 4.5-hectare oval artificial lake around a mounted island.

It has an overhead cable suspended 8-12 meters above the water using specially designed pylons.

The cables run counterclockwise around the lake and is powered by a variable electric motor that generates speed of 20-65 kilometers per hour.

Technology

The cable technology has evolved from and popularized derivative extreme sports of water skiing among several Asian nations.

These extreme sports originally made use of the wake or track left by a speeding towing motorboat to perform water stunts called "tricks."

Its development opened wide access to the extreme sports because it had reduced performance costs and increased the number of enthusiasts performing the acts—from one to several performers at a time—without the costly requirement of a motorboat.

All over the world, there are 150 cable parks, 60 of which are in Germany, seven in Asia and several others are in the United States and Australia. Two are in the Philippines—in Calatagan, Batangas, and the other one in Camarines Sur.

Sports tourism

Optimistic that the cable park would bring in water skiing and wakeboard enthusiasts around the world, Camarines Sur Gov. LRay Villafuerte looks forward to capturing the growing market of sports tourism worldwide, especially from the cold regions.

"We are confident we could draw sports tourists in at least four of the eight cold months, from May to August, with Thailand, our closest rival, having three cable parks at present," Villafuerte said.

He said the demand for alternative destination for watersports in Asia during the cold months had increased dramatically because of the growing number of enthusiasts embracing the lifestyle of wakeboarding.

In temperate climates, enthusiasts have only four months of warm weather suited for watersports. The rest of the months of the year are chilly and wintry.

Emergence

The governor, a recipient of World Young Business Achiever Award for Excellence in International Operations in 2002 expanded the entrepreneurial thrusts of the corporate provincial LGU that included investments in digital animation and a five-hectare information technology (IT) Park in the sprawling 118-hectare capitol complex where the cable park is also located.

He is a seasoned businessman who built a technocraft business, the Lara's Gifts & Decors, from a P50,000-capital into a multimillion-peso enterprise in his early 20s.

Wakeboarding emerged with the creation of a specially designed short board sometime in 1985 in the United States. Wakeboarding or riding on the water tracks of a towing motorboat has achieved sports level in 1990 with the holding of the first international competition, which was broadcast worldwide through the ESPN sports channel.

Wakeboarding makes use of a short board with foot bindings on which a rider is towed by a motorboat or cable across the wake, especially up off the crest for aerial maneuvers.

Wake skating is performed similar to wakeboarding but without foot bindings and kneeboarding and requires the rider to sit on a board secured in adjustable strap, follow the same principles of riding the crest to do tricks.

Kinga Horvath, 25, a Hungarian female rider and the champion of the European Cup in 2004 and 2005, described the Camsur Watersports Complex (CWC) as comparable to the most innovative cable parks in Europe.

Horvath said the cable park here has enough room for aerial maneuvers and great obstacle courses to perform exciting tricks.

Ronald Cailao, 47, a wakeboarding instructor for 20 years, described the cable park here as thrice bigger in area and twice bigger in lake size than the Lago de Oro, the first cable park in the country located in Batangas province.

Cailao, who worked in Lago de Oro for eight years, said that in comparison, the CWC has six pylons planted around the lake that provide smooth turns for riders maneuvering the bends while the latter has only three.

The lesser the pylons, the more difficult the course, he said.

He added that another advantage of the cable park here is that it has an island in the middle of the lake that prevents the waves from the other side of the bend reaching the opposite side, which affects performance of riders.

Villafuerte said the CWC blends the ideal combination that makes cable parks more diverse and competitive to attract and hold sports tourists for days to enjoy.

"With the cable park here following the latest trend in technology, location that requires sunny weather and flatlands, use of potable water to fill in the lake, spaces that diversify enjoyment like artificial beach, pavilion and other services, our facility can compete easily," the governor said.

He added that the rates are even affordable to locals at P150 an hour to a bargain rate of P350 a day.

He said he expected to generate foreign clients through word-of-mouth channel.

SIX PYLONS planted around the 4.5 hectare artificial lake around a mounted island make maneuvering for wakeboard riders easy because of diminished angular bends the moving tow cable created—the lesser the number of pylons, the more difficult the water ski course.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NESTING against the backdrop of Mt. Isarog, another sports tourism adventure destination because of its rare and endemic flora and fauna, the Camsur Watersports Complex (CWC) is easily accessible to and from other eco-tourism sites like the whaleshark interaction in Donsol, Sorsogon, an hour away from the capitol complex.

Tapping OFW families' medical needs

A LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE Organization is tapping the dollar-earning overseas Filipino workers to expand its health care business.

Mario Silos, president of IntelliCare, says they have created Pamilya Care, a health plan that caters and provides medical and dental services for families of OFWs.

IntelliCare is a hospital-based health care provider and has one of the widest network in the country. It boasts of a network of more than 450 accredited hospitals and clinics and over 6,900 affiliated medical practitioners and professionals nationwide.

The plan is initially available to families of OFWs in Australia. IntelliCare has a tie-up with the World Insurance Network (WIN), a worldwide distributor of health and insurance products, as their marketing arm in Australia.

Assist America

Like other HMOs, IntelliCare's coverage used to be limited by geography. However, in September 2004, to support a large number of its clients who travel regularly, the company began providing global emergency medical services via a partnership with Assist America.

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Topics to be discussed are sourcing of materials, costing etc. There will be a hands-on experience on how to make the long and low arrangement. Participants will receive certificate of training right after the seminar. Lunch and snacks will be served and all the materials will be provided. For questions call 952-40-28, 952-29-34, 436-78-26, 951-29-66 and 913-65-51.

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'Plastic' becoming Pinoy's financial tool

INDUSTRY FIGURES IN THE last two years show that the number of credit cards or 'plastic' issued has grown by over 20 percent, and the growth potential continues to look promising. Credit Card Association of the Philippines [CCAP] Chair Manuel Santiago shares that "the industry has been steadily maturing. More and more people are realizing the value of owning a credit card. As of last year, we already have over 4.6 million credit cards in circulation."

CCAP is promoting the need to balance purchasing power with prudent spending, and to highlight the significant growth of the industry and the maturing of Filipino clientele. Credit cards have benefited Filipino consumers in a number of ways. When used responsibly, credit is a powerful tool to leverage one's finances. It significantly stretches consumers' purchasing power by a significant margin. Not only does this solve temporary liquidity, it also primarily lends convenience to its users.

CCAP President Rolando Tanchanco affirmed the growing number of card issuers and products have indeed benefited consumers since the introduction of cashless spending. He related, "You are now seeing a greater number of card products that cater to specific markets like working women, young professionals, even golfers."

Credit cards are also no longer simply a standby facility. The charge card has evolved into a financial tool that offers a number of rewards. Aggressive marketing has featured and packaged the plastic currency as a lifestyle card that comes in handy for the multifaceted consumer—the club hopper, the golfer, the shopaholic, the loyal alumnus, the big spender or even the globetrotter.

Credit cards are now packed with value-laden features to fit the needs of its individual users. Issuers have seen it quite fit to take the rewards programs a notch higher, adding more appeal of the plastic currency to potential users.

Spent coffee grounds ...

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These are then roasted to achieve the desired taste, aroma, appearance and "mouth feel." The ground-roasted coffee is extracted with hot water inside the percolation batteries or extraction cells to produce the coffee extract or "coffee brew."

Next the coffee extract is ready for spray drying that will produce the 100 percent pure soluble coffee, which is popularly known as Nescafe Classic.

The spent coffee grounds, meanwhile, are sent to the biomass disposal system to be used as fuel for the boiler system. The heat produced from this process is then used to produce the steam requirements of the factory.

Coffee grounds advantage

Trillanes says that their system of using solid waste as fuel totally eliminates the cost of waste disposal.

"And more importantly, by using biomass as substitute for bunker fuel, we prevent the adverse air emission pollution such as Sulfur Dioxide (Sox) and Nitrogen Oxide (NOx), which is a natural by-product of combustion of fossil fuels," Trillanes stresses. "Thus, we comply with Clean Air Act or RA 8749."

By using biomass as alternative fuel, he concludes that spent coffee grounds help save landfill space. "And this complies with the Ecological Solidwaste Management Act or RA 9003."

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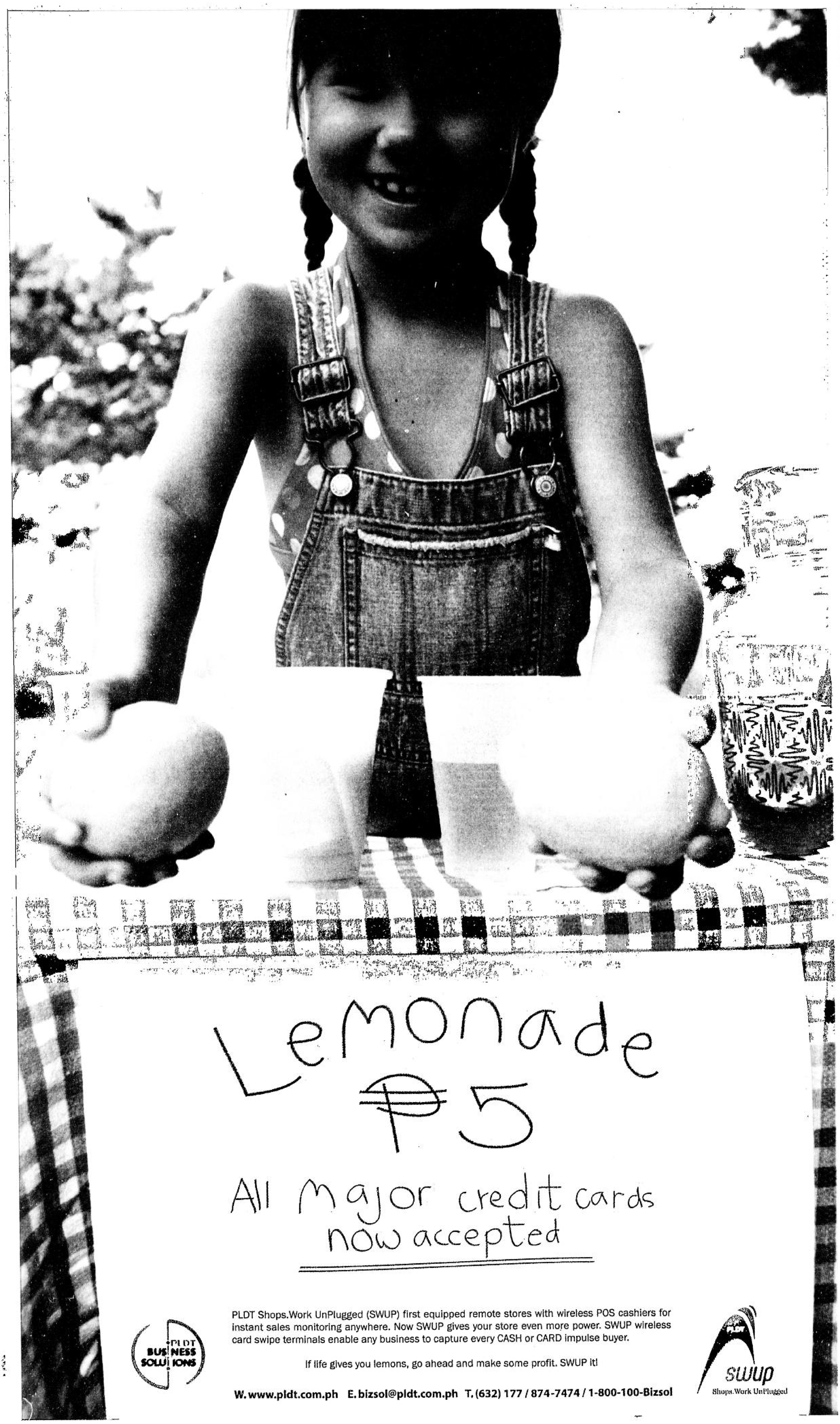

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EXCLUSIVE ON HOLLYWOOD'S TOP MAKEUP MAVEN

Good golly, Miss Mally!

MAKEUP diva Mally Roncal is "very Filipino... like, very."

Mally Roncal is the makeup artist behind the 'J. Lo Glow' of Jennifer Lopez and the hottest looks of Mariah Carey and Beyoncé. Her best-selling beauty line is the toast of e-commerce and 'Oprah'

By Carissa Villacorta
Contributor

THE WHOLE OF HENRI BENDEL—New York's prime destination for high-end makeup—was transformed into "Mally's World" for a full week in April.

"Mally" is Mally Roncal, the Filipino-American behind the famous "J. Lo Glow," the smoldering makeup of superstar Jennifer Lopez. Roncal is also the artist behind the best looks of Beyoncé and Mariah Carey.

At Mally's World at Henri Bendel, there were a floor-to-ceiling window display of Roncal's esteemed makeup line; a 10-foot poster of her; and a TV showing all her appearances on "Oprah" (thrice), "The View," "The Today Show" and "Access Hollywood."

Roncal's makeup launches are the kinds we only see in our dreams or on "Sex and the City." That must be why Lauren Ezersky of "Behind the Velvet Ropes" was there at Henri Bendel; she was seen congratulating Roncal.

Roncal's makeup team, clad in pink and black jackets reminiscent of "Grease's" Pink Ladies, with pink bandannas 'round their necks, made up the ladies who walked into Bendel to check out the goods, meet Roncal, and receive star treatment with makeup like Shimmer, Shape and Glow, City Chick Eye Shadow Kit, and Life, Love and Really Great lip gloss.

Roncal's trade and tips have been captivating magazine beauty editors and the buying public since 2000. If you picked up a copy of In Style Magazine last February, you would have seen her quoted all over the pages.

Even celebrities such as Beyoncé, Mariah Carey and Angelina Jolie seek Roncal for their most nerve-racking, pimple-causing moments. They enlist her magic wand, or hand, to transform them into confident and beautiful women who feel like they can con-

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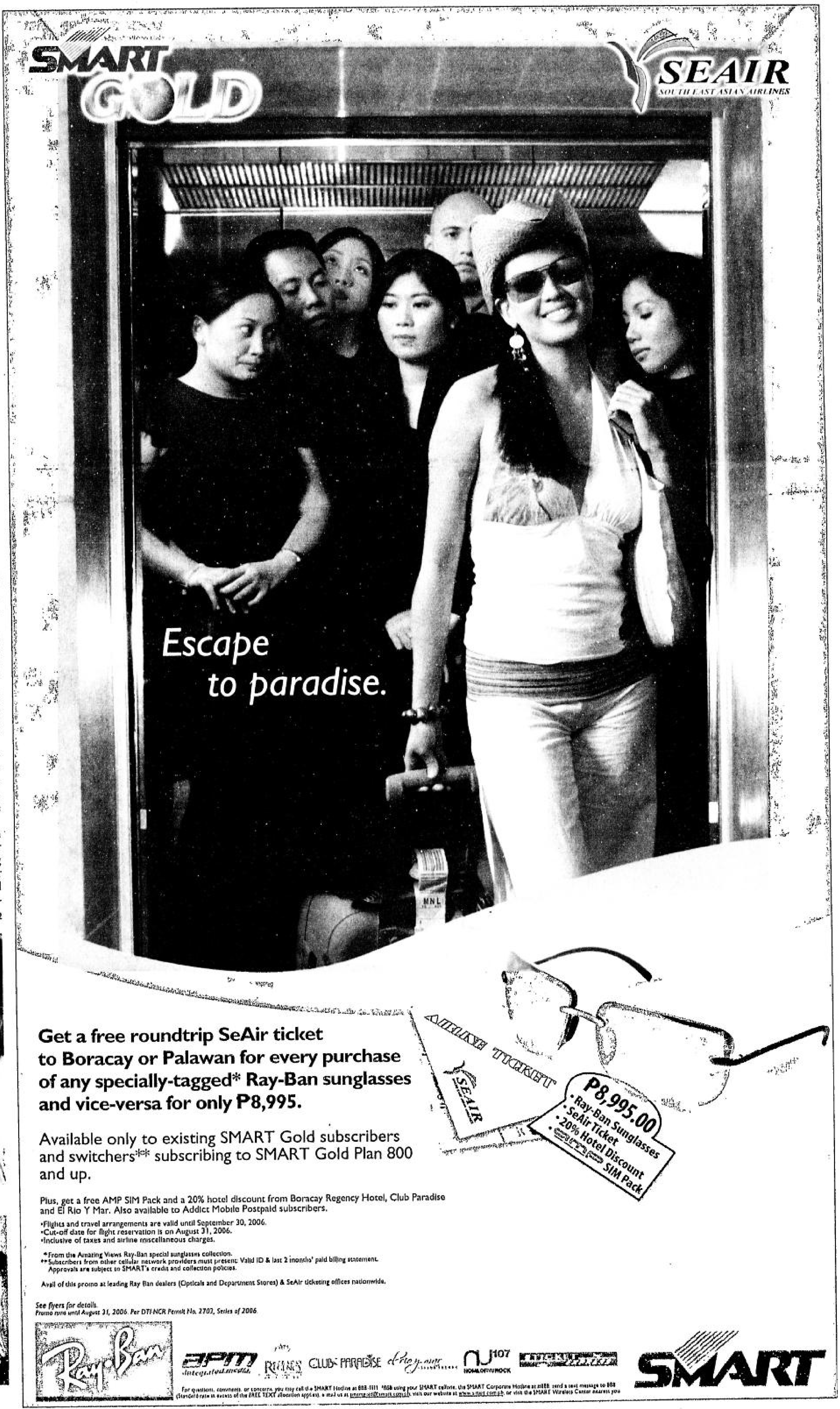
WITH POP diva Mariah Carey

FACE to face with Beyoncé



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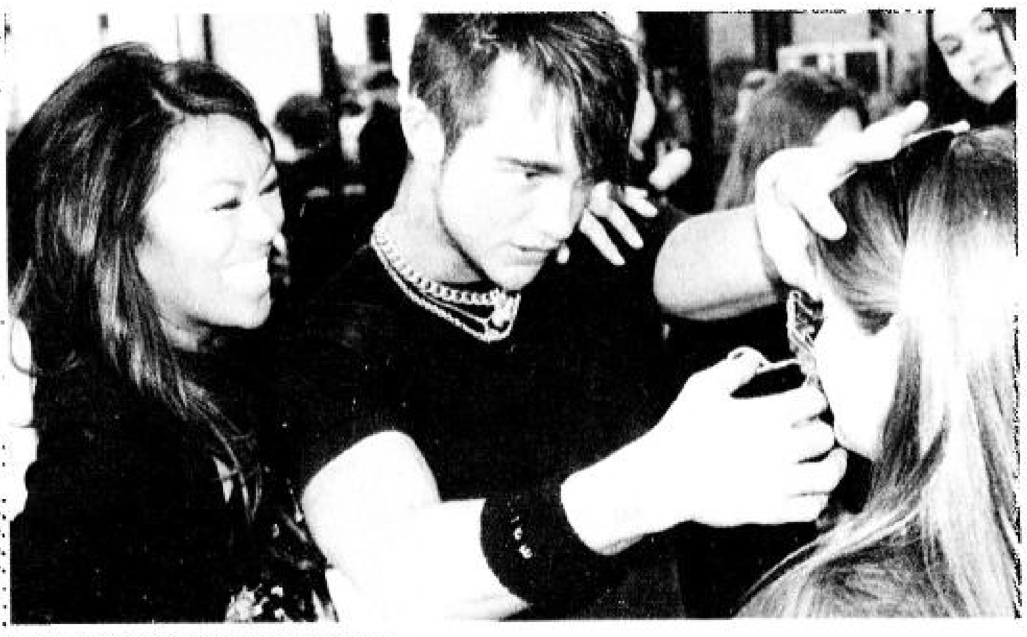

WITH MAKEUP artist Joey Sanchez

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DISPLAY window at Henri Bendel in New York City features Mally Beauty's makeup line.

Good golly, Miss Mally!

"FILIPINAS are the most beautiful women in the world."

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quer the world. Roncal also makes them cover-girl worthy for magazines like Glamour, In Style, Rolling Stone, Elle and Cosmo.

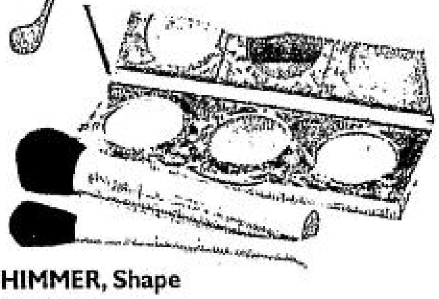
Roncal herself has been written about on such magazines as Allure, Marie Claire, Self, Harper's Bazaar, People, US Weekly and Entertainment Weekly.

Business success

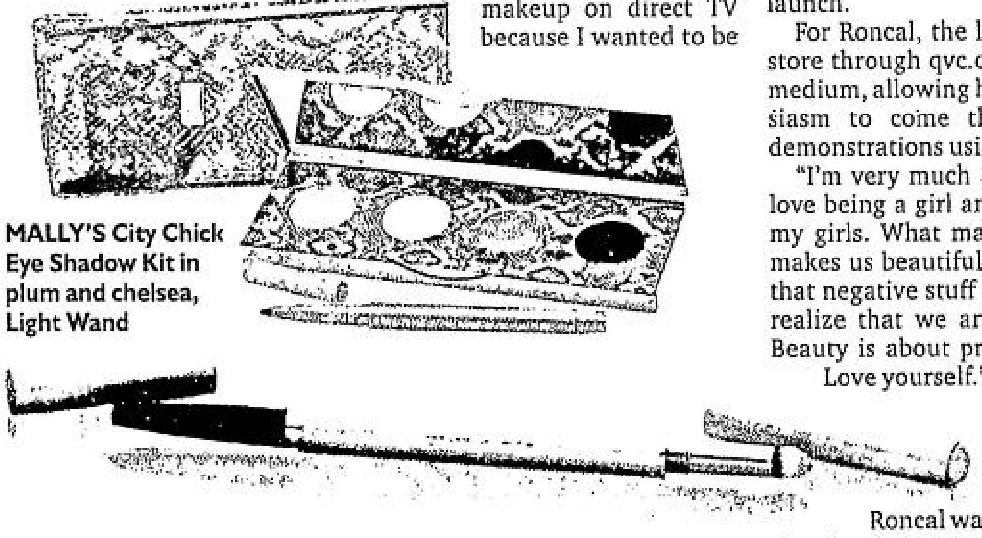
Her business success (Mally Beauty on QVC) has also been featured in the New York Times and business magazines.

If she could walk into your dressing room and show you exactly how to use her makeup, she would. But being incapable of that, she thought of the next best thing: debuting her collection on QVC, America's No. 1 Home Shopping Network, in March 2005.

"I chose to sell my makeup on direct TV because I wanted to be the one to share the message with the customer," said Roncal. "It's important to me that they hear it from me—how to use the product, and how they will feel after they use the product. It may not change their life, but maybe make their day a little bit brighter."



SHIMMER, Shape and Glow



MALLY'S City Chick Eye Shadow Kit in plum and chelsea, Light Wand

True enough, Mally Beauty broke launch records on QVC, selling out its entire stock of 20,000 units within an hour of the launch.

For Roncal, the live 24/7 TV department store through qvc.com has been the perfect medium, allowing her girls' night-out enthusiasm to come through in instructional demonstrations using live models.

"I'm very much a girl's girl," she said. "I love being a girl and love hanging out with my girls. What makes us different is what makes us beautiful. I want you to forget all that negative stuff you may have heard and realize that we are not all beauty clones. Beauty is about projecting positive energy. Love yourself."

Tribute

Last March, a year after her debut on QVC, Roncal was given a special honor by the channel: her Six-Piece On-the-Go-Girl Kit was chosen as Today's Special Value. It was featured every hour for an entire day. The marathon worked; she sold out the entire run of close to 25,000 kits, with a waiting list for more.

When she is not on TV, Roncal is aboard the private jets of Beyoncé, Celine Dion and Mariah Carey en route to their concerts, music video tapings and fashion shoots all over the world. "I live in an airplane," she jokes.

Mom's girl

She said she has always had a positive attitude because of her parents: Rogelio Roncal, a psychiatrist originally from Bataan, and Pilar Roncal, a gynecologist.

"My mom called me her miracle baby," the makeup maven said.

Pilar had Mally even if doctors had told her she would never get pregnant. Later diagnosed with breast cancer, Pilar was told she would only live for six more months when Mally was 2.

WITH LAUREN Ezersky of The Style Network's "Behind the Velvet Ropes"

HAPPY MALLY'S giant poster welcomes shoppers at Henri Bendel.

"She lived till I was 17," said Roncal, remembering the times when she and her mom would just hop on a plane to Europe the moment they thought about going. "She was living like everyday was the last day of her life," Roncal said.

Her mom was very glamorous—"the hair, makeup and the diamonds and clothes she loved. She was glamorous, but at the same time, she was a lover. She loved everybody and loved everything about life. She was beautiful."

"We were very naughty," Roncal added. "We would go shopping, do makeup and have lots of fun. She was my inspiration, and I became a makeup artist because I would sit in her dressing room and watch her making up her face. I was fascinated."

But Roncal never had formal training in makeup. The skill and talent were natural to her. She just started working on fashion shoots and models, and then somehow extended her reach to celebrities.

Before she came to her own, Roncal was spokesperson for Sephora, Revlon, MAC, Almay and Maybelline for years. "Then one day I thought, instead of selling other people's stuff, I should be selling my own stuff!"

Proud to be Pinoy

More than anything, however, she is the spokesperson for the Filipina.

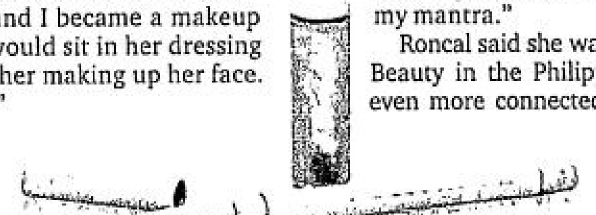
"In honor of my fellow Filipinas, I'm going to name a lipstick Maganda!" said Roncal, who regards herself as "very Filipino. Like, very. Like, crazy. I eat Filipino food all the time. I'm very passionate about my Filipino upbringing." She would often talk to Beyoncé about *pansit* and *adobo* and how Filipino food is the best in the world!

"Not to be biased but really, Filipinas are the most beautiful women in the world. Just look at the skin!" said Roncal. "Also, there's something about a Filipina as opposed to any other ethnicity: very feminine, very delicate, and we really take pride in our appearance, you know. You never see a Filipino woman who isn't well-groomed."

Roncal said she is saddened whenever an Asian girl would ask how to make her eyes rounder.

"I believe everyone is beautiful and all of our characteristics really lend to celebrating what our nationality is and we should work with that," she said. "I've always tried to find fun new ways to enhance my Asian look rather than try to mask it. My parents have always taught me that whatever makes you different is what makes you beautiful. That has become my mantra."

Roncal said she wanted to launch Mally Beauty in the Philippines. "I want to be even more connected to my fellow Filipinas. Maybe even have my own show," she said. "I never once felt embarrassed that I was Filipino. I never once felt ashamed of my culture. This will be the theme of the talk show."



LIP GLOSS with pencil

The Mally Beauty Make Up Line can be viewed and purchased through www.qvc.com, or at Henri Bendel in New York City. Check out www.mallybeauty.com

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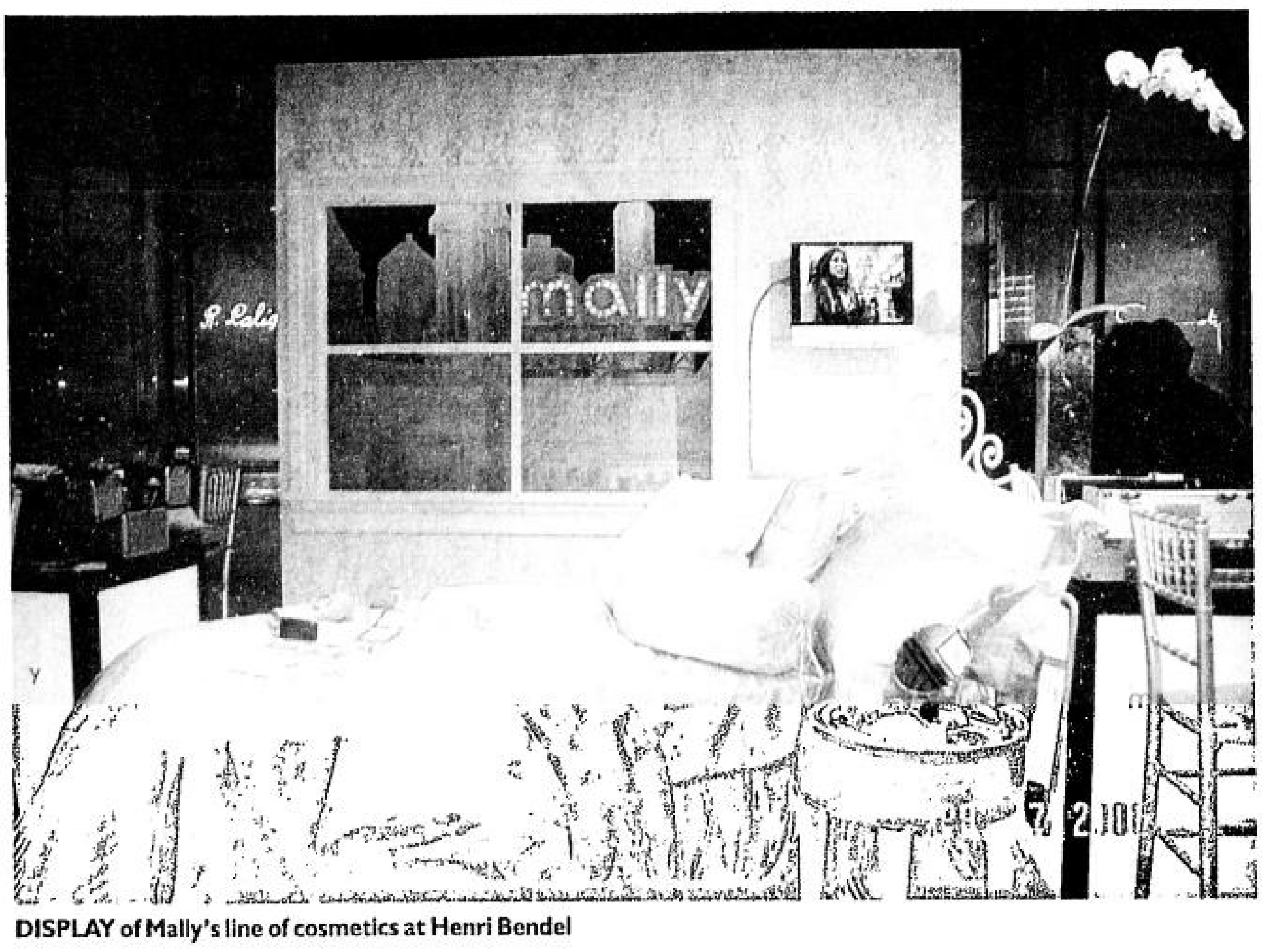
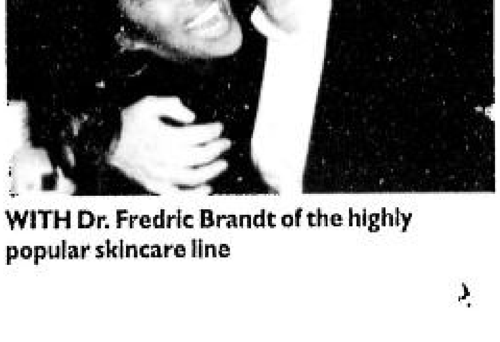
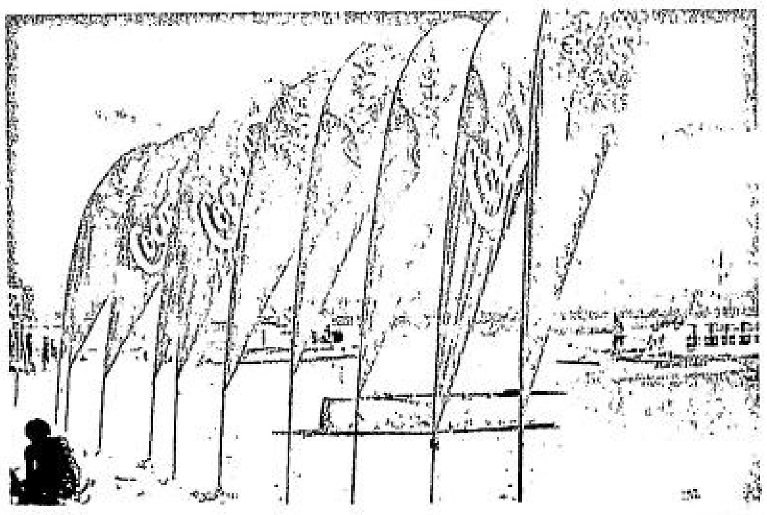


DISPLAY of Mally's line of cosmetics at Henri Bendel



WITH Dr. Fredric Brandt of the highly popular skincare line

THE COCA-COLA family with "Big Brother" hottie Zanjoe Marudo



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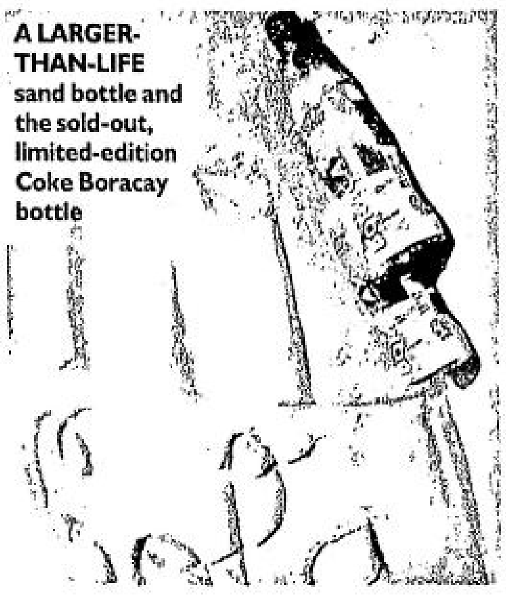

A LARGER-THAN-LIFE sand bottle and the sold-out, limited-edition Coke Boracay bottle

Beach blowout

IN THE BIGGEST SUMMER blowout yet, Coke invaded Boracay during the three-day fun fest of the MTV Summer Break. Imagine: three whole days of games, concerts, prizes, laughter, sun, sand, surf, and of course, gallons and gallons of the icon of carefree summer and youth, Coca-Cola.

Everywhere you looked, there was Coke, from the bright-red "Buksan ang Summer" sails on the *paraws* to the shade-giving banners that lined the shore. Even the sandcastle artisans paid tribute with a giant sand-bottle of Coke. There was also the limited-edition Coke Boracay bottle—the perfect summer souvenir.

Coke not only reigned supreme in the drinks department, it also ruled the MTV Summer Games. The Red Team, aka Team Coke, bagged the grand prize (and P50,000) in the three-day challenge around the island. Sexy actress Andrea del Rosario headed the Red Team, composed of Tim Cacho of Imago, Ebe Dancel of Sugarfree, MTV Summer Break with Coca-Cola winner Cecile Esguerra, and her friends Mina Pates, May Mangsal, Chris Tan and JP Manabat.

Coke flew Cecile and friends to Boracay for an all-expense paid VIP vacation, with pocket money to boot. And all because Cecile sent in 10 Coke crowns for the Summer Break promo of Coke with MTV.

Aside from the games, there were nightly concerts and performances by 6cyclemind, Imago, Hale and Sugarfree; sailing on Coke *paraws*; downing lots of ice cold Coke; looking for the special Boracay Coke bottle; and just chilling on the powder sands and blue water.

But just because summer is over, that doesn't mean you can't win anything from Coke anymore. There are actually more chances of winning in Coke's nationwide promo. Up for grabs are Playstations, iPod Shuffles, Nokia 3230s, Netopia cards, and millions of Jollibee Pocket Pies, Krunchy Twirls, Ice Craze, Globe load, Level Up games and bottles of Coke.

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MEXICAN model enjoying the Bora sun and the Coke fun

COKE winners take all: Chris Tan, Cecile Esguerra, JP Manabat, Mina Pates and May Mangsal

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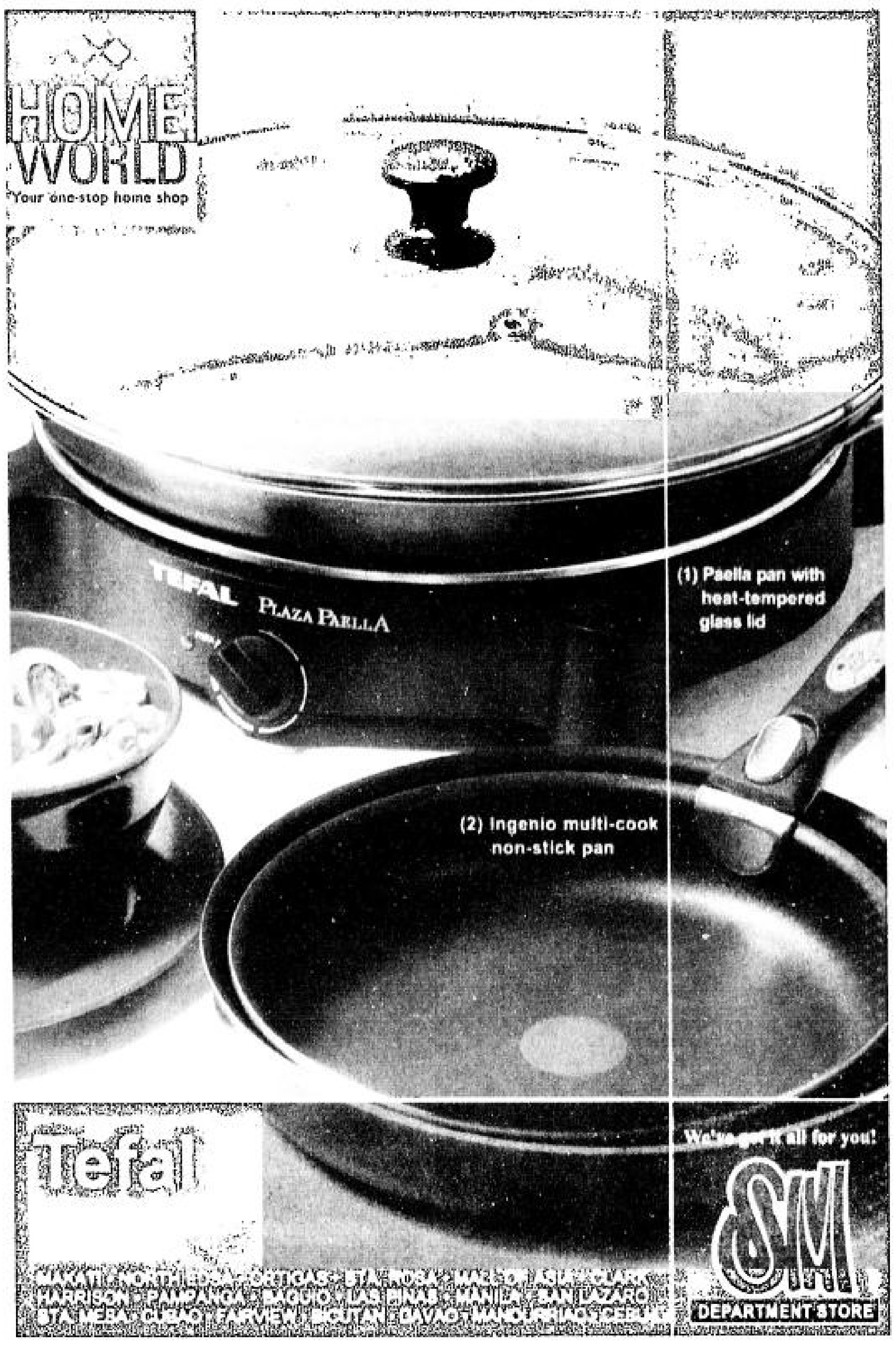

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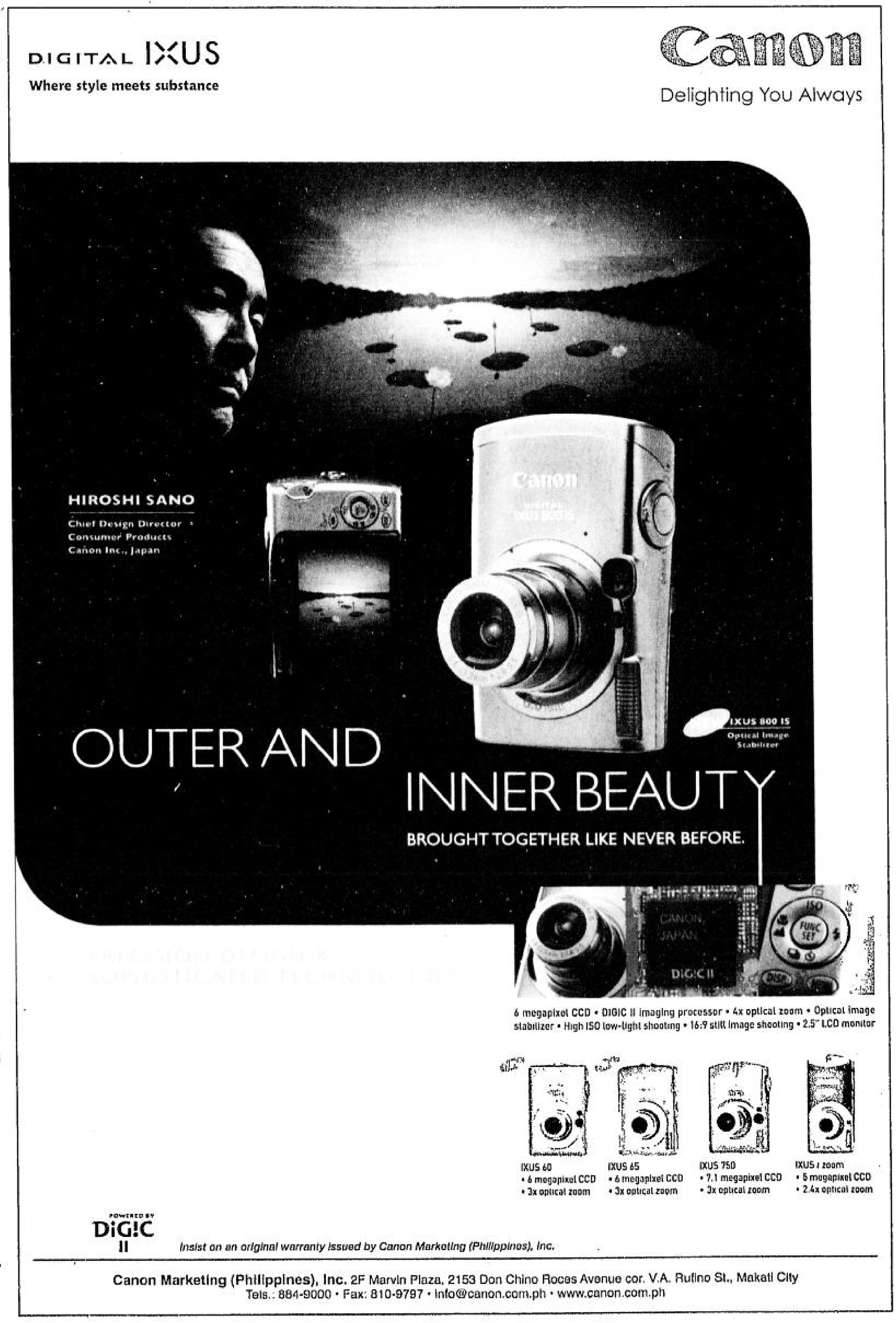

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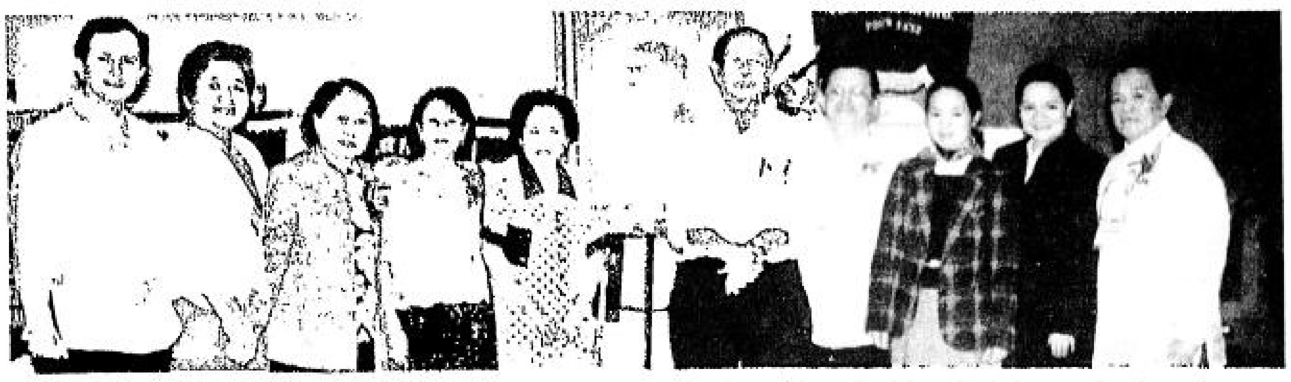

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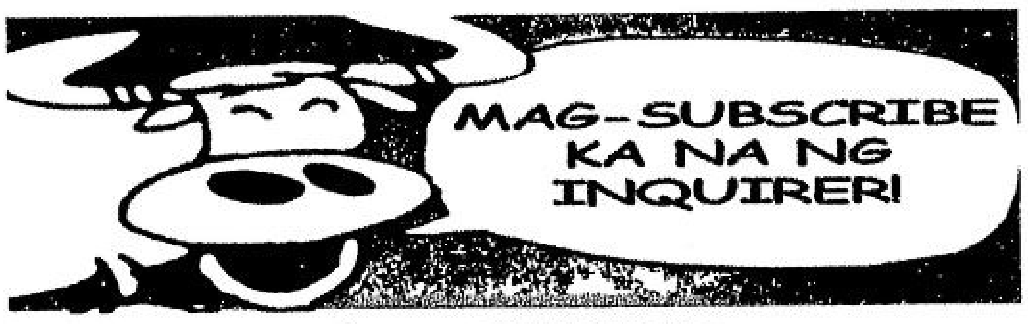

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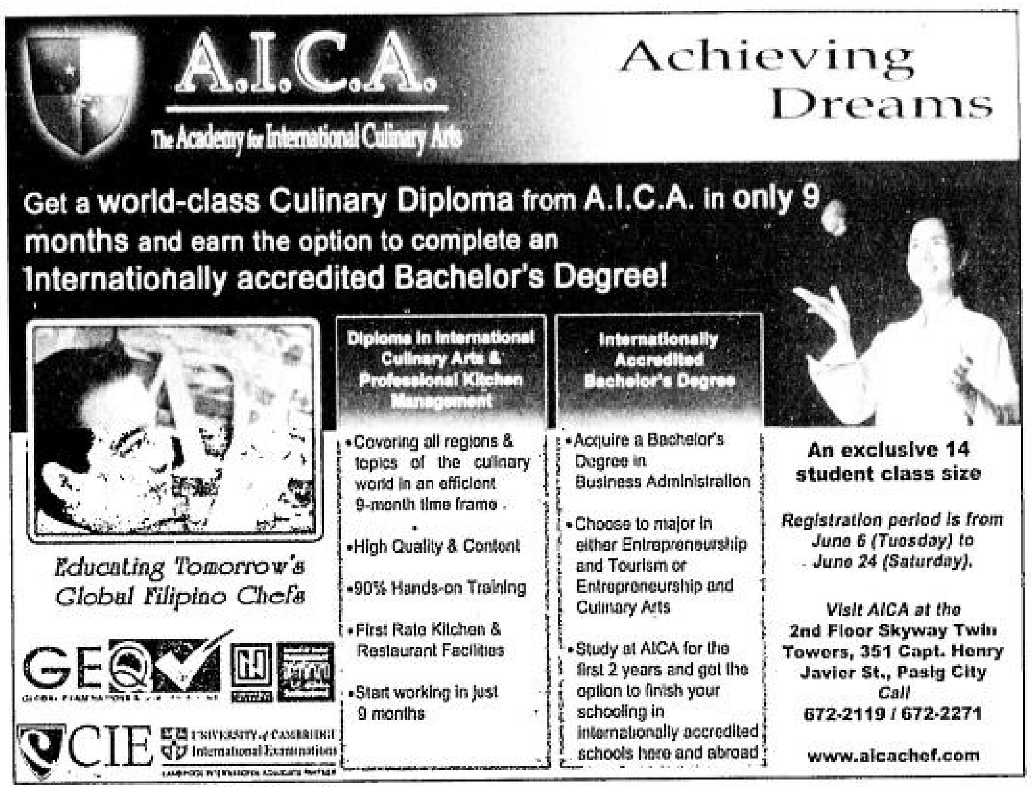
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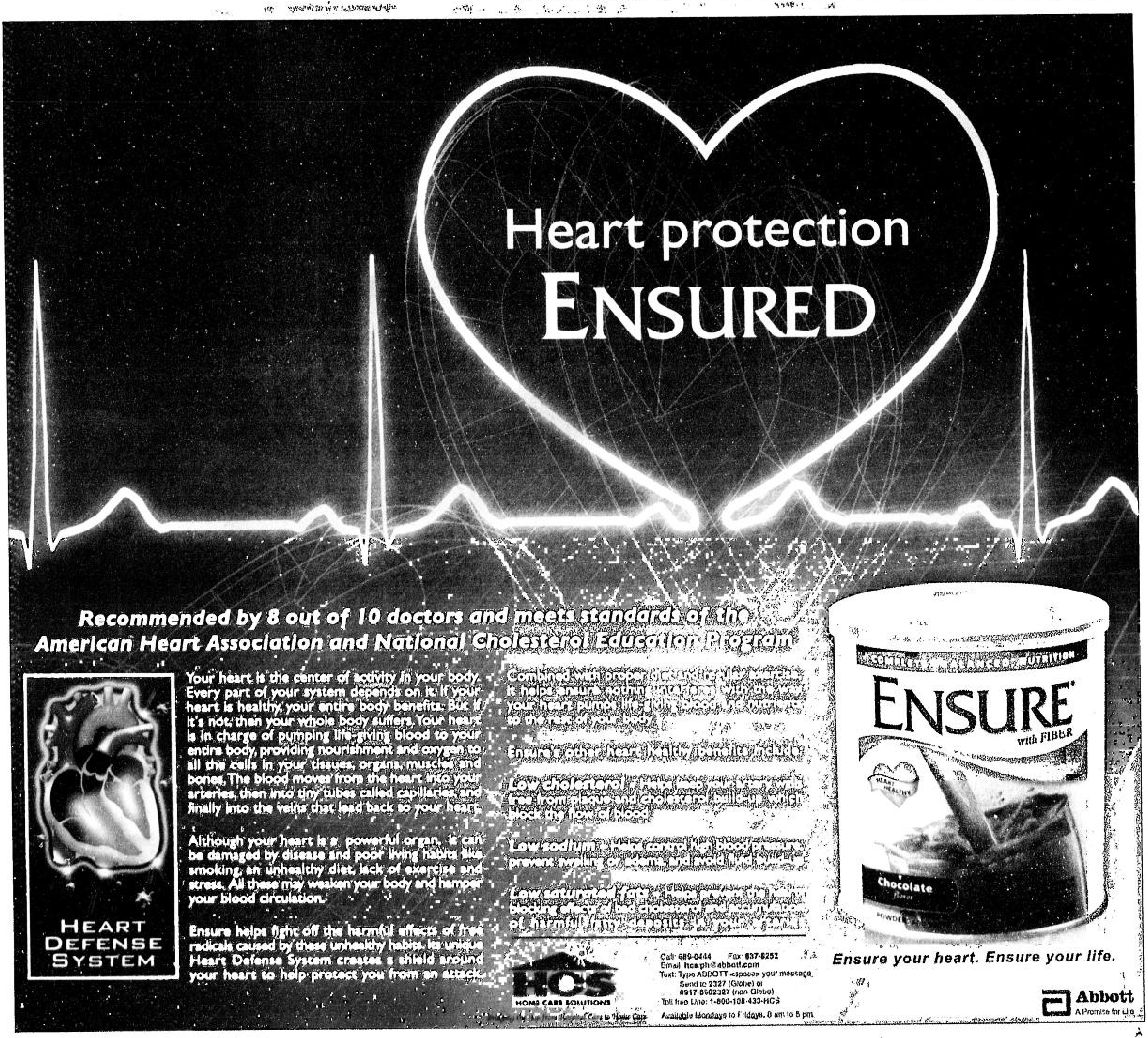

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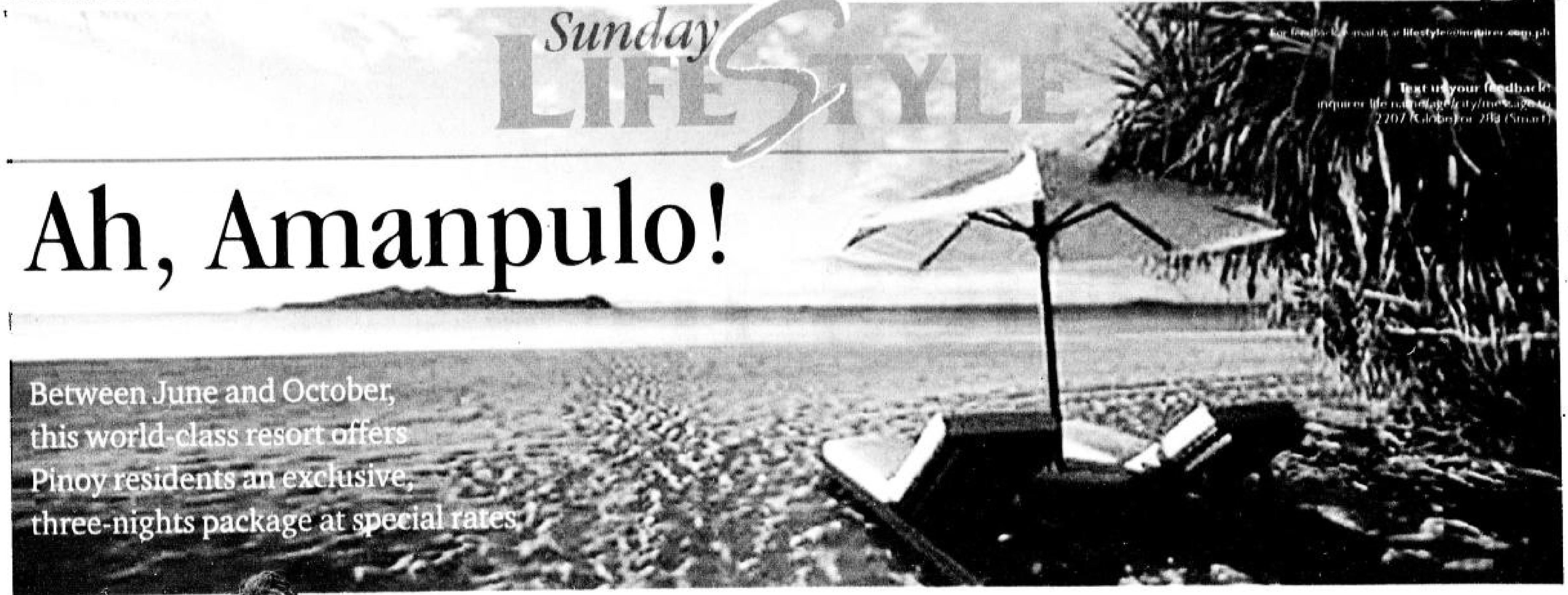

Between June and October, this world-class resort offers Pinoy residents an exclusive, three-nights package at special rates.

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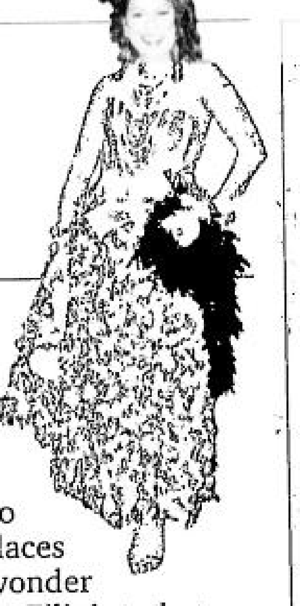

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

I REALLY marvel at the vast beauty of our world. I've had the chance to travel to a few places and I always wonder what is uniquely Filipino that we can somehow use to promote the Philippines as a must-visit destination. I don't know how many generations it will take for our nation to be at par economically with other First World countries, but I do know some things wherein we are undoubtedly first-class: our beaches and beautiful landscapes plus our warm, Pinoy hospitality!

At the top of the sun-and-sand list, with its white-hot beach and rich marine life, is the Amanpulo Resort (tel. 632-7594040 or e-mail amanpulo@amanresorts.com). Situated on Pamalican, a private island with its own airstrip, Amanpulo is one Philippine jewel we can all be proud of. Hollywood stars and foreign dignitaries have enjoyed its private *casitas* and pristine views, but of course, the discreet resort staff cannot name any of these people.

Yearly between June and October, Amanpulo offers Pinoy residents an exclusive, three-nights package at special rates. Aside from accommodations in a beach *casita* and breakfast for two, the package includes two choices a day of several activities like massage, water skiing, a private picnic lunch, tennis lessons and mountain climbing.

One of my recent social soirées was the intimate Amanpulo Cocktail Reception at the Ayala Museum. Enthralled by the music of internationally acclaimed balladeer **Martin Nievera**, we enjoyed an evening that was chill-out resort-perfect. Guests were dressed in cool resort chic while sipping champagne and enjoying Martin's music, with top musical arranger **Louie Ocampo** playing the piano.

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The N91 tunes in

In this modern age of hyper-connectivity, the medium is no longer the message. These days, the main mode of communication – your mobile phone – is so much more than a conduit for calls. Nokia's latest go-to gadget, the N91, a sleek stealth box with more options than you can believe, is the music-lover's must-have of the year.

Industry players, who go around toting an MP3 player clasped in one hand, their handy mobile phone clutched in the other, will find that the two things necessary to their lifestyle of keeping in touch with music and people have finally merged into one slick tool of the trade: the N91 is the first music-dedicated phone with four gigs of memory, which can store up to 3,000 tracks.

Rico Blanco
Rivermaya Lead Singer

> **With his kind of lifestyle, Rico is thankful for the N91. "We all can't live without our phones and music players, so it's cool that we can now just bring one gadget instead of two," he quips.**

Rivermaya lead singer **Rico Blanco** has been a huge music fan all his life. "I remember playing the Beatles' albums over and over as a little kid," confesses the heartthrob. With his kind of lifestyle, Rico is thankful for the N91. "We all can't live without our phones and music players, so it's cool that we can now just bring one gadget instead of two," he quips.

Toti Dalmacion
Band Manager

The N91 is particularly useful to someone like **Toti Dalmacion**, the music guru of Groove Nation, who pioneered and introduced Manila to modern electronic dance music via the funk-driven sounds of true-blue quality house and techno more than a decade ago. Also the owner of Terno Recordings, which handles bands like Radioactive Sago Project and Up Dharma Down to name a few, Dalmacion is an all-around music authority. The N91's handy capabilities leave him thrilled. "When I'm out I'm usually networking and it's great that I can just hand over my phone to prospective clients and let them listen to a tune by one of my bands." The integrated FM radio is another handy tool for the ultimate multitasker. "I can monitor the stations on the go to check if my bands are on the top 10 lists or if their music's being played."

Francis M
Rapper/TV Host

Francis Magalona, the man who made rap accessible to every Filipino kid from the '80s onward, fits the N91's ideal to a T. A big name in local showbiz and major family man – he needs a lot of help when it comes to keeping his schedule straight, what with his constant performances all over the country and maintaining the household. The N91's memory and planner make life much easier for the rap star.

With its hybrid technology, the phone has a dedicated music interface and stereo headset jack so high-maintenance music-lovers can still utilize their favorite music accessories. And it still retains the same functions as any of the other latest remarkably-equipped Nokia phones: it supports e-mail, web-browsing and has a two-megapixel camera that can capture print-quality images.

Paolo Santos
Singer/Composer

Which makes the phone ideal for singer **Paolo Santos**, who believes "practicality" is the essential attribute of any phone. "I want a phone that caters to my needs as I go about my business," he says. Santos is matter-of-fact about his job: "Music has been the source of my livelihood. But it's even deeper than that. Now, it's very vital and already an extension of myself." With a busy schedule that involves numerous nights spent in front of audiences, Santos keeps in touch by soaking up new tunes to perform. "I learn new songs all the time and I travel a lot. With this kind of phone, I could store those songs and learn them anywhere. And of course, I bring my phone all the time."

Marc Abaya
MTV VJ/Kjwan Lead Singer

Even MTV VJ and Kjwan vocalist **Marc Abaya** considers the recording capabilities of the N91 a gift from the phone gods. "It'll be easier to record ideas for music," he says, "which means less idle time." The singer, who describes his lifestyle at the moment as "soaked in music and turbulent scheds," is swamped with work, jetting from one MTV taping to another to doing gigs with the band. With the N91, work suddenly looks a lot easier. "I look for functionality, style, and sturdiness. And hey, the more stuff you can do with it – like listen to MP3s, record sound, video clips, or take pictures – the better!"

Lourd de Veyra
Radioactive Sago Project Lead Singer

Writer **Lourd de Veyra**, the lead for celebrated band Radioactive Sago, offers up a cryptic "alternating between sedentary and dynamic" when asked about his lifestyle. He says, "Without music, I'd be either dead or in a mental institution." With that in mind, the N91, which supports a wide range of digital music formats including MP3, M4A, AAC and WMA, makes it the perfect device for music fanatics like de Veyra.

"It's a wicked gadget tailor-made for today's music junkie – a digital jukebox disguised as a multimedia phone. You take your collection wherever you go. With all its smartphone capabilities and brand-new music-sharing technology – users can share playlists using text messages or Bluetooth – the N91 packs one hell of a punch, all in one sleek, streamlined gadget."

Kitchie Nadal
Singer/Songwriter

Cute crooner **Kitchie Nadal** looks to Bob Dylan and Sade for her inspiration, but it's the N91's cool capabilities that have her trilling the scales. "I'm looking forward to being able to record on the phone," she says. The huge memory allotted for MP3s also had her excited. "It'll save energy, time and space." With her nonstop gigs, there's no doubt the N91 will be totally changing her outlook on music and how she listens to it.

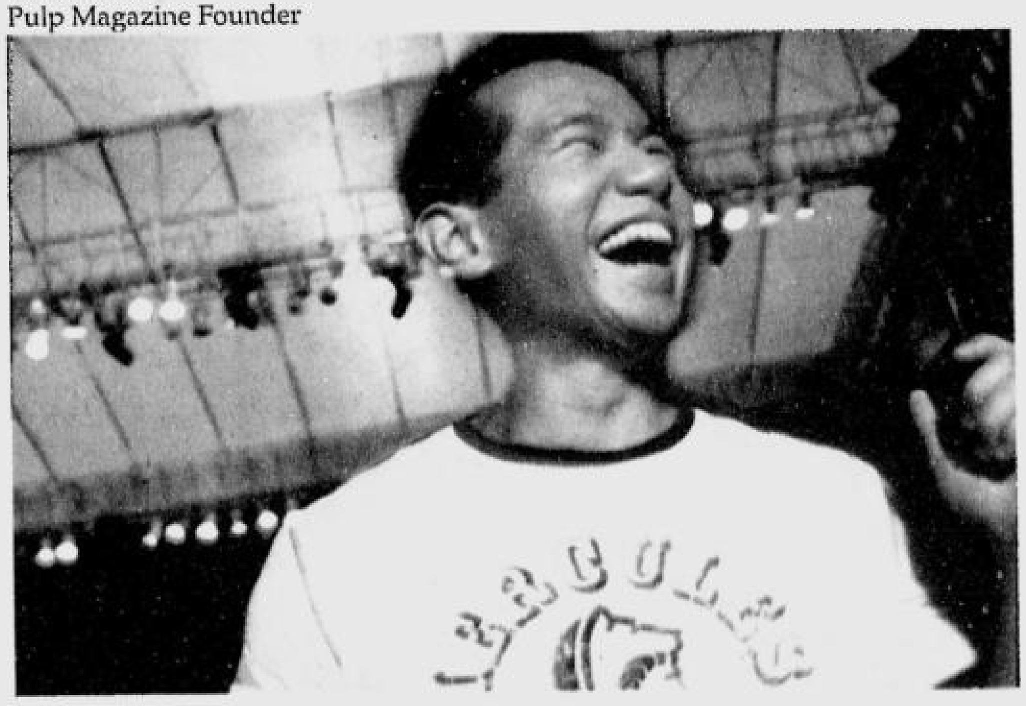
Mobilizing music

The future is here. And for music junkies, it looks particularly bright. These days, what with the arrival of the super swank **N91, Nokia's** latest super gadget, music players and mobile phones are no longer mutually exclusive.

With the Nokia XpressMusic feature, which ensures that mobile devices provide the best mobile music experience, the N91 carries four gigs worth of storage for digital tunes, which means music lovers can do everything they normally do with a phone – take pictures, send texts, call friends, organize their life – while listening to up to 3,000 tunes!

The latest handset from Nokia brings new meaning to the word jukebox.

Vernon Go
Pulp Magazine Founder



Founder of *Pulp* magazine and the man behind the publication's numerous events – one summer bash he recently produced, which featured almost all the notable local rock bands, had an expected turnout of more than 30,000 people – **Vernon Go** has made music controversial. He admits: "Music is central to my life." With the N91's large memory capability, he can listen to the soothing sounds of Tibetan monks (which he currently listens to). doing their thing while managing the production of another of Pulp's huge rockin' events.

Cyril Yarisantos
MTV Head of Programming

MTV's head of programming **Cyril Yarisantos** is the man who selects which videos. should go on air and in what order. "So the stuff you see on the channel, the music videos from MTV Nights, VH1, Vidsomnia, MTV Hits, and other playlist shows are what I work on daily," he says. So it's important that he keeps in touch with what's hot in the world of music. "For someone who is obsessive about hearing a tune whenever the urge comes up, having a phone with MP3 capabilities will be a wonder – given that my mobile phone never leaves my side." He adds, "With my active lifestyle, I hate phones that hang when you use certain functions in succession."

Jay Server
Bar Owner, Capone's

Kids who enjoy a night at a bistro with great music know that Capone's is the go-to place. **Jay Server**, frontman for his band Craig David And The New Waves, is the man behind the music. As GM for the bistro, he's in charge of finding new bands and booking them. "Music is essential to my profession," Jay explains. With his crazy schedule, he has a definite opinion on what constitutes a good phone: "Extensive contact storage capabilities, fast application switching, ease of use with message composition, voice recording, picture and video capabilities and lots of memory!" He's particularly excited about the arrival of the N91 because when he comes up with a song for his band, he can instantly record it wherever he is.

Andrej Wisniewski
Restaurateur

A restaurateur is expected to do everything with style and sophistication, particularly if that restaurant is M Café, the hotspot in Greenbelt that has everyone feasting on the food and ambience. **Andrej Wisniewski,** the man behind said café, is always, as he says, "on the run," which makes his sidekick a very important tool. "I've been waiting for a phone to integrate (in a real way) phone, music, 3G, and organizing/PDA capabilities," he says matter-of-factly. "I can't carry more than one gadget. Since I'm rarely at home, it's great to have everything at my disposal."

Paolo Trillo
Fiama Co-owner/
Coach/Anchorman

Another man big on every scenester's list is **Paolo Trillo,** coach to the Ateneo basketball team and anchorman for the PBA games. But it's his job as Fiama's GM and co-owner that keeps him in the loop, finding the best tunes to play to a party-hungry crowd any day of the week. With a schedule that would drive anyone insane, "I expect the N91 to be my all-in-one gadget – my phone, MP3 player, camera, diary and mini-computer."

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> Paolo Trillo

Igan D'Bayan
Writer

Even writer **Igan D'Bayan,** who made a name for himself with his column called "Audiosyncrasy" for The Philippine STAR about music, art, and travel, finds that the new Nokia phone fits into his idea of the ultimate phone. "It is very important for me to have a cell phone that has MP3 capabilities," he says, "I want a cell phone that won't make me endure tinny-sounding MP3s. I want something with more punch and aural clarity. From first hand experience, the N91 is practically a portable jukebox! I can watch videos and concert clips in high resolution. The Nokia N91 is also compatible with dream sonic brands like Bose, Harman Kardon and JBL." He adds, "So, that's what you call 'high-tech fidelity.'"

CELEBRITY mom Tintin Babao with cute Antonia

ACE photographer Patrick Uy and Irene Ibanez of Urban Spa

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AMAN Resorts director of operations Andrew Thompson and yoga instructor Bela Lipat

"CAKED in Sugar" author Penk Ching with Athena birthday cake

PRETTY newlywed Audrey Tan Zubiri signing cake with mom Dette Tan

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I was a dress-code violator that evening because I arrived in my **Ronald Enrico** floral cocktail dress, totally in contrast to the resort chic indicated in the invitation. Dressed more like I was headed for prom night, I was actually coming from the book launch of unbeatable cake artist duo Penk Ching and Shen Ratilla.

Sugary art

Titled "Caked in Sugar," this hardbound, impressively photographed work truly showcases the superb creativity of the Filipino sister artists. How fantastic that their art is expressed through sugar rather than paint or music. Truly, there are many ways to release one's creativity!

One chapter on special occasions starts off with the cake **Penk** and **Shen** made for my surprise baby shower last year at Urban Spa hosted by INQUIRER Super's **Tim Yap**. It was actually the first time these cake experts had made something for me. But since then I've been a fan, and they have made several creations for me, the latest being a gigantic, colorful masterpiece for the Bollywood-themed first birthday of Athena.

The book launch was a well-attended affair, as lots of brides that the duo had made cakes for graced the event at the main ballroom of The Pen. The book is available at both National Book Store and Powerbooks, so readers can see for themselves the tremendous possibilities of sculpting with sugar.

Big-hearted burgers

Just the thought of all that sweetness gets me on a sugar high! These days, I am so energized when I am invited to attend charitable projects. It is so heartwarming to see the creative ways people are coming up with to uplift the lives of our fellow Filipinos. I really enjoy those fundraisers that include a round of golf and raffles. If the golfer does not do well, which is usually the case, there is always the raffle and, in the end, the greatest beneficiaries are the charities themselves.

That's exactly what happened in the 10th Annual McDonald's Charities Golf Tournament played on the rolling fairways of the Sta. Elena Golf and Country Club, possibly the best golf course in the Philippines. The inaugural tee-off was unique, with participants witnessing three generations of Yangs whack the ball straight and true, followed by Ronald McDonald taking a vicious swing that almost hit his own shoe!

Kenneth Yang, president of McDonald's Charities, thanked the players' support and generosity for the underprivileged children being given brighter beginnings at Bahay Bulilit. It's nice to know that every Burger McDo one eats helps out less-fortunate children in our country. With that in mind, the only thing to do is say, "Yes, I will have fries with that!"

Hot show

As our Assumption batch enters the homestretch of our fundraising activities for the Assumption Mission Schools, we are hosting the June 17th play night of the musical "We're Still Hot" at the Teatrino At The Promenade, Greenhills. (Call Ticketworld at 8919999 if you want to watch the performance on a different date!)

This hilarious musical is about four ladies going back to their 35th high-school reunion, and sharing their passion for music and one man. For the record, in my batch's case we are only preparing for our silver jubilee, but the reunion theme was too appropriate, so we decided to sponsor a night. It's all for a good cause, so I hope readers will support our night to prove that "We're Still Hot."

Charity may begin at home but bringing joy to children is borderless. Last year, a group of six circus artists called "Clowns Sans Frontieres" (Clowns Without Borders) toured our country, performing in the depressed areas of Manila and Cebu, all to bring fleeting moments of joy and festivity to young Filipino children.

Tomorrow, the memory of those shows is preserved when a photo exhibit, also titled "Clowns Sans Frontieres," opens at the lobby of Ayala Greenbelt 3. The Philippine tour of Clowns was photographed by Juan Caguicia, Richard de Guzman and Chris Sevilla, all commissioned by Alliance Française de Manille.

Which just goes to show that, when one wonders what is truly beautiful in our world, certainly one has to include the various nationalities and groups that are all working to make our world a better place.

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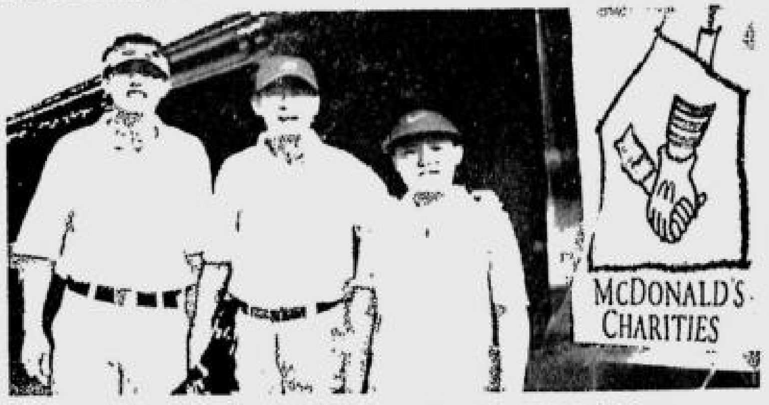

MCDONALD'S chief family: Kenneth, George and Kevin Yang

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UP'S FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT

Roman's empire

'I am happy with the distinction but also scared because the expectations are high'

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By the Staff

EMERLINDA ROMAN SAYS the joke is that it took the University of the Philippines a hundred years to elect a woman president.

Indeed, while women UP graduates have blazed trails in various fields of endeavor, men had headed the state university since it was established in 1908, until Roman's election.

As president of the UP system, she is in charge of a network of seven campuses, a student population of 52,000 and a faculty of 4,000.

Her six-year term also means she will lead the state university—arguably still the premier educational institution of the country, molder of leaders of both government institutions and anti-government groups, business, the sciences, and the arts—when it marks, in two years' time, its centennial.

Roman takes the challenges, present and future, in stride. She thinks having been chancellor of Diliman, the system's biggest campus with almost half the student population, prepared her well for her new role.

As chancellor, she says, she became fully aware of UP's problems. The people who chose her knew of her commitment to the university so they were probably reassured she was up to the job.

How does it feel to be the first woman president of UP?

I'm always asked that question. I don't know. I'm afraid to answer it now because I may have given different answers.

I am happy with the distinction but also scared because the expectations are high and there are also great challenges. We're going to celebrate our centennial in two years. *Parang* it is that time when we have to account to the country and to all our alumni for what we have done. I will have to do that accounting. In that sense, I'm anxious also.

Does a woman bring a distinctive way of doing things as UP president compared to a man?

Hmmm, I guess. I don't know. You might look at this as very petty but, you know, when they visit me in the office they say, "*Iba talaga 'yung babae." Hindi ko naman alam* what they mean by that. *Maalwan daw 'yung* office. *Malinis daw 'yung* environment. *Hindi ko nga alam kung mai-insulto ako* or what. *Siguro 'yung* ambiance is different and *siguro* they look at a woman as somebody who is very approachable. So I get all kinds of visitors, walk-in. I get all kinds of calls *kasi* with the cell phone *parang* you're so accessible.

And then you get e-mail messages every day from people you do not know. I try to answer them *kasi parang* the answer is at your fingertips, literally. And then you get responses like, "Oh, thank you for replying." I don't know if a male president would do that. *Siguro, mas* open *ang babae*. They feel more comfortable telling you their problems and they say, "like a mother." May opening *silang ganon*, "As a mother, you would understand."

*Ako naman nag-e-*empathize *kaagad. Sabi ko, oo nga ano.* I wouldn't want people to say I am a feeling person. I'm also a thinking person. *Pero siguro baka ang* stereotype *nila* of women leaders is that they're more feeling than thinking.

Why do you think it took so long for a woman to become UP president?

I've not really thought about that. All I know is that, since the early '90s, we've had women nominees for the presidency but they did not figure very well, I suppose, and therefore they didn't choose a woman president until *ito na nga lang*. When the board of regents decided, I don't think gender was an issue.

How was your first year as university president?

I would say I'm happy with what we did during the first year. Nothing very, very concrete at this time because many of the plans we set for ourselves take time. For example, we would like to venture into emerging fields in science and technology. So we're now into nanotechnology, biotechnology, but you cannot say that, after one year, we're into it.

All I can say is that we're pretty much on schedule and we're moving along the direction we set for ourselves. There's progress in things that really matter—*itong mga* emerging fields, and then promoting science and technology, and addressing welfare of the faculty, the staff and the students, and then, of course, the cen

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tennial celebration. Nothing earth-shaking at this time. After all, it's just been one year.

How long is your tenure?

Six years.

Former president (Francisco) Nemenzo had plans for a cyberpark.

Science and technology park, yeah. In fact we're working on that. Again I'm not at liberty to tell you at this stage because of ongoing negotiations, and it's taking a long time *kasi hindi lang naman kami ang* involved. *Marami pang* factors *dyan—'yung mga* developers, the economic situation—all these things you have to consider. We are hoping that by the end of this year, we shall have something already.

What about the issue of commercialization…?

You know, there was the Commonwealth Property Development Project (CPDP) many years ago and we were among those that opposed it because it was really commercial. What we are envisioning for the same area… is a science and technology park, which is not really commercial but more consistent with the character of a university. Most universities abroad have a science and technology park right next to them because the S&T park is where people from the academe and from the business community meet and work together and come up with something useful.

Have you raised money for the UP system?

Yes, we raised money for the system… Again, I'm not at liberty to tell you how much because we're still negotiating.

Does UP have funding problems?

All the time. *Para kaming* compulsive gamblers. Money is never enough.

Can you give us an idea of the financial requirements of UP, how to run the system, what you need for a viable premier institution? How do you fill the gap in funding?

It's difficult to say because if we just go by our budget… Last year we asked for something like P7.8 billion but they gave us only about P4.5 billion, so we're short by so many billions… *Siguro* that's just about 60 percent of what we need. We do not get the budget we ask for every year. We have to make do with what we have.

So how do we deal with it? First, we try to be as efficient as possible… *Marami pa namang* belt-tightening measures that we can do, *'di ba*? And we generate resources on our own. We raise funds from alumni, if not directly from the pockets of alumni, then through their intercession. And then there are friends of the university who believe that UP is a good investment. There are people who believe that quality higher education is a good investment and so they give freely and willingly. And we have people who are not primarily financially motivated. *Parang* to them, a laboratory that is complete is more important than going to a fine-dining restaurant… *May mga taong gustong magtiis. Sabi nga nila*, it takes a little bit of madness to want to stay in UP.

How do you prioritize? You have seven universities to share the P4 billion.

Well, one of the safest ways to do it is to be objective. So you have to come up with objective criteria, number of students, number of faculty, *'yon*. And it's both input-based and output-based, number of graduates, number of students. And then it depends on the leadership. Like, in our case, for the next six years we would like to develop UP Cebu.

During the time of president Nemenzo, he allocated resources to Baguio, so Baguio became an autonomous university. The situation in UP now is we have what we call mature universities like Diliman, Manila and Los Baños. Then we have the young universities—Baguio, Mindanao. What we would like is a system where universities are unequal only in age, size and experience but… the quality of faculty, students, academic program is the same. So, in our case, we would like to develop UP Cebu because Cebu is a center and we'd like contribute to the development of the region through that college. So if Cebu is the focus, then we allocate resources.

Have you been subjected to name-calling and ridicule, the kind UP students are known for?

Oh, yeah! I was just told last week that *may nag*-rally *na* union. *Ako na raw ang "Reyna ng Komersyalisasyon." Pero hindi ko narinig 'yon, kwento lang sa akin ng* vice president.

'Yung sa oblation run, *kung kailan pa raw nagkaroon ng* woman president *saka pa raw nagkaroon ng* streaking in campus, *parang ganoon*. (Laughter)

How do you feel about that?

You cannot get emotional about these things otherwise you will die a natural death (laughs). You just have to—not really ignore—but not let it rule you.

Do you address it?

No. Like the streaking on campus, many people know it's not a tradition of the university, it's a tradition of a fraternity. (But) this year, they decided the boys would run all the way to Quezon Hall. *Eh 'di siyempre…* Quezon Hall is the favorite *tambayan* of everybody in UP. *Kahit nga hindi taga*-UP, *tambayan 'yung* Quezon Hall eh. So everybody was there… *tapos nag*-pyramid *pa yata itong mga lalaki*. And the other thing that's different *may dalawang* girls *na sumali*.

Ang 'di alam ng karamihan meron din ang UP Manila *ng* oblation run. *Meron din yata sa* Los Baños but I'm not sure.

There's a growing perception that UP students now are no longer activists but are more elitist….

You know this elitist thing, that started in 1970. *Sinabi nila* elitist *daw ang* Diliman because parking has become a problem. *'Yun ang kanilang* basis. That stuck in the mind of the public. *Sabi namin, ang hirap naman i*-erase *'yung* [impression] *na yon*.

A vice president of UP at that time said, "Let's do a random count of all the cars at peak time, 10 a.m." 1,800 cars on campus at 10 a.m. Now, how many students do we have? At that time, we had about 22,000… 1,800 was not even 10 percent. Plus, we have residents in UP and government agencies holding office inside the campus…

Very heterogeneous ang population ng UP. You have the very rich. Yeah, we have our share of millionaires *kasi naman meron din namang mga matatalino na mga bata*, (laughter) and then you have the very poor. We have students who cannot attend classes regularly because they don't have money for transportation. I remember many years ago, a student came to me. He was always late and he told me, "Ma'am, *kasi nagbibisikleta lang ho ako* from Quiapo."

How about *'yung* political engagement of students?

'Yung sinasabi na hindi na sila masyadong active. We also talked about that among ourselves. *Sabi namin, bakit? Kasi*, when these things came out, *'yung* impeachment, [Executive Order] 1017, I met with the chancellors and asked them what's happening in their campuses.

Pati sila surprised. *Sabi nila* nothing was happening. I think we have grown so big. We used to be just one big community of scholars so *marami kaming* convocations *noon*. But… we've grown so big and… we have grown in isolation of each other… Now we are not just one big community of scholars, we're several communities of scholars.

Meron nga kaming lament *na parang* we no longer read each other's work, we no longer know what the other is doing *kasi nga parang* we're occupied with so many things. I guess it's a combination of factors.

The students in UP now were born in the mid-'80s. Baby *pa sila nung napatanggal si* Marcos eh. *'Di na nila na*-experience *'yung* Marcos period, so *hindi na sila masyadong* aware.

Is there a way of uniting the scholars again, make them more cohesive?

I wouldn't say we're not united *kasi naman pagka may mga* issues, we also tackle the issues. It's just that we now differ. And rather than, you know, argue to death to have one position, we have decided we can agree to disagree.

During your presidency, do you want anything to be emphasized in the curriculum?

Let me give some facts. If you look at the national enrollment profile, about 40 percent of college students are enrolled in business, commerce, teacher-education programs. In UP, 40 percent of students are enrolled in science and technology. It is a profile we like to maintain, maybe even improve on. This is not to say we are going to neglect the arts and social sciences.

Science and technology programs are very expensive. You have to put up laboratories, very expensive to put up and very expensive to maintain. But because we have support from government, it's easier for us to do that. *Kasi ang laki ng* infrastructure development for science and technology. That's something we would like to pursue and emphasize… As I said earlier… we're now looking into emerging fields in science and technology. And then we have plans for a science and technology park.

Is UP still among the Top 15 universities in Asia?

It's difficult to say. The magazine that did the survey has [ceased publication]. We did an analysis of the situation many years ago when we were… 48th? *Ang* joke *nga noon* was *sumusunod lang kami sa* peso-dollar exchange rate *kasi* when it was $1:P30, we were No. 32, and when it became $1:P48, 48 *kami*.

But we had a committee chaired by Noel de Dios of the School of Economics. It looked at the survey and said there was no way we would improve our standing because if you looked at the questions, they were all tied up to financial resources. Like they asked what the median faculty salary was. They asked how many students had e-mail accounts; what was the computer-student ratio?

So even if you double our budget, *hindi siguro kami tataas*. Moreover, the universities on top will also do their best to remain on top, *'di ba. Sino 'yung mga* on top? Japan, Singapore… So *sabi nga ng* committee, maybe it also had something to do with economic development, the economic situation in a country.

But is it still the most expensive school in the country?

Which one?

UP, expensive including the subsidy of the government.

The cost per student in UP is about P40,000 and, depending on the campus, P42,000. Ateneo is P100,000 *yata*. If you look at the budget, it might look that way but we're also the biggest. Remember we have seven campuses to maintain. So *hindi kami ang pinaka*-expensive.

P300 per unit?

Yes.

Why have you not increased your rate?

Laughs) You know, there was one medical student who graduated 11 years ago. *Ngayon tiningnan niya 'yung* tuition, *"Ay, noon ito na 'yung binabayad kong* tuition. Hanggang ngayon ganito pa rin." We are reviewing our tuition policy… a committee has already submitted its final report… it takes a long time for these things to materialize. As soon as I came onboard in March, I created that committee. It took them almost a year to study everything and we're looking into it now.

Do you still have the STFAP (Social Tuition and Financial Assistance Program)?

Yes.

Is that effective? When I was in school, I had classmates who could very well afford to pay tuition but they were STFAP recipients.

Baka isolated cases *'yan*. Again, these are the things that are asked—classmates driving Mercedes Benz and then… *pero marami na rin kaming na*-expel. And very painful *'yan* for us *kasi kasalanan nila eh*. But I think it has also helped a lot of students.

Is the brain-drain problem so serious that the Diliman chancellor had to talk about it?

The brain-drain problem, I would not know how [serious it is]… If you go by number of alumni residing abroad, *hindi din naman siya ganoon kadami, e*. I suppose *'yung* medicine *siguro* and nursing. That's very obvious.

You can also look at it this way. The world has become borderless. Wherever you work, that doesn't mean *hindi ka na tumutulong sa bansa mo, 'di ba*?

Our OFWs (overseas Filipino workers) are our No. 1 source of dollar remittances. I'm not saying it's good. People look at brain-drain differently now, *e*. It's brain-gain, that's what they say, *'di ba*?

I don't know that we have all our graduates going abroad. I know that we have many who have stayed, even medical doctors who have stayed… As I've said, if we go by number of alumni we have residing abroad, I don't know that it is 50 percent.

What particular values do you promote in UP?

In UP? Well, if you go by our general education program, which was revitalized during the term of president Nemenzo, there are objectives that a course has to achieve. Siguro 'yung excellence. You have to excel.

How liberal can you get with students?

How liberal? We're…

They can streak (laughter).

Streaking *nga* on campus, and they blame me. (Laughter)

Can you [do anything about it]?

Ah no, I will not interfere… You know, we are hospitable to all kinds. Unity in diversity.

I'm interested in the broader view of the Philippine education system. What are the problems of the general education system?

You know, when I meet people they always ask me what has happened to the quality of education in this country, as if UP is to blame for everything. I've not really thought about it… Government separated the Department of Education, Culture and Sports a long time ago. So we have the Department of Education and we have the Commission on Higher Education. The commission will take care of higher education and DepEd can take care of elementary and high school.

To me that was a good move. You have to have somebody really just focusing on basic education, but I don't know.

I know that the public education system has really declined. The quality of education has declined. Time was *pinakamagagaling 'yung* graduates *ng* public school system. *Hindi na ngayon*.

And what's the difference between public and private? It's, I guess, the financial aspect of it so *siguro talagang*—I would not want to say *nane*-neglect—but support is not enough.

Now, insofar as higher education is concerned, the trend nowadays is a decline in support for higher education. This is not just the case in the Philippines; it is happening worldwide. They want to leave higher education to the private sector. To me, *sana 'yung* public universities in the Philippines, we will have fewer of those but very well-supported.

Does UP have any problems competing for good faculty members?

Oh yes, definitely. If you look at our salary structure, we are paid only about a third of what De La Salle and Ateneo professors are getting. A full professor in UP, the highest rank, gets only P31,000 a month. That is the equivalent of an assistant professor in Ateneo.

So what makes them stay in UP?

As I said *nga*, intrinsic *siguro*. You know, "I enjoy this laboratory; I can stay here 24 hours; I don't care about what's going on outside, just give me all my materials." *Meron pa ring ganoon na hindi* financially motivated.

By the way, *ang pinaka*-vulnerable *sa amin* are the younger faculty members. The assistant professors, the instructors, very fast turnover. Our reward system should be directed toward the needs of this particular group. The young, *pag hindi pa sila nag-aasawa o bagong kasal*, don't worry about education or having a house. But once they get married or school age *na ang mga anak nila*, then they begin to worry about where to send their children to school. That's when they start thinking about leaving the university.

So what we have is a situation where the turnover in the instructor and assistant professor level is very fast and then we have the older group. So a vacuum is created, and that's very sad *kasi ang dami nga naming plano*.

So we have to address all these problems at the same time. That's why we're embarking on a very aggressive fundraising campaign where we are targeting about P5 billion primarily to address the needs of the vulnerable group and these are the young faculty members.

We're working on the university charter. Our charter is almost, well, will be 100 years old in two years. It has been amended piecemeal. But since Dr. Abueva was president in the early '90s, the university started working on the amendment of the UP charter… It went through several [presidents]—Abueva, Javier, Nemenzo and, now, my turn.

So this time we are asking Congress to take us out of the SSL, the Salary Standardization Law. At the House of Representatives, they did not agree but we convinced them to allow us to pay allowances. We were saying, "You allow us to approximate the salaries of our counterparts in the private universities," *pero hindi in*-allow *ng* House. *Tapos na siya sa* House and it's now on its way to the Senate.

If we cannot, we will have this provision that will allow us to pay allowances, so [there will be] a legal basis for it. Now what we need to do is raise the money that will be the source of these allowances.

Do you think this legislation will be passed during your term?

I hope so because that's also what Congress is saying. *Sabi nila*, "We're also getting impatient." But we're very anxious because there are parts of the bill, the Senate and House bills, that are not acceptable to us. So we are also seriously thinking about not pursuing it *kasi baka naman sige* pursue *kami* and then, in the end, we have a compromise bill that is not good for UP.

Then I will be blamed for it. At the same time, you know, this process of enacting *'yung mga* law *parang* it takes a life of its own. You don't know where to come in and say "please, please don't…." (Laughter) *Merong* time *kami na* "please, it's urgent, it's urgent." (Laughter)

Are you allowed to make political statements in public?

Oh, we are allowed but I would not want to do that because it would be taken to mean as an institutional stand. I am not authorized to make an institutional stand because we are 52,000 students and 14,000 employees. Just one person can stand up and say, "Hey, you're not representing me."

Do you feel any pressure from Malacañang [regarding rallies]?

No. We get inquiries *pero hindi naman kami pine*-pressure *na* "stop those rallies," you know.

Have you met the President?

Yes. She administered my oath. It was a very casual, very cordial meeting. And then the next time I met her was when I presented before the Cabinet our plans for the next six years because I requested President Arroyo to declare 2008 as the UP Centennial Year. To do that, I had to convince the Cabinet about our plans and so we made the presentation before the Cabinet and I asked

> 'We raise funds from alumni. If not directly from the pockets of alumni, then through their intercession. And then there are friends of the university who believe that… quality higher education is a good investment and so they give freely and willingly. And we have people who are not primarily financially motivated. To them, a laboratory that is complete is more important than going to a fine-dining restaurant…'

for money. *Pinagbigyan naman kami.*

Malacañang doesn't dangle any carrot? (Laughter)

No.

How do you plan to celebrate the UP Centennial?

We will have a yearlong celebration. I have asked the chancellors to set up their centennial committees. Three broad [centennial] projects—the development of UP Cebu College and the establishment of a UP presence in Makati—not a campus but a presence, so we go where the market is *kaya nga* "Reyna ng Komersyalisasyon." (Laughter) And then we have the exemption of UP from the salary standardization. So those are the three major projects, centennial projects.

And then we have centennial celebrations... *naku, marami 'yung mga* yearlong celebrations, in Manila, in Diliman. And then we have the centennial fundraising. In the fundraising we are hoping to raise P5 billion from within and from [outside the university.] *Medyo pina*-fine-tune *pa namin*... although we have started. *Lahat ito* will lead to that big celebration in 2008. I have also gone abroad, to the US, to invite the alumni to come and also to do some fundraising.

Will there be rallies?

Oo naman, siguro 'no. May plano nga, because we (UP) were "born" in Manila—*'di ba*, that was where we were born?—so *parang meron daw parang salubungan.* They will march from UP Manila to Welcome Rotonda, and Diliman will meet them there.

Will the Oblation Run be from Manila to...? (Laughter)

Sabi nila—joke *ha.* (Laughter)

Have you ever attended [the Oblation Run]?

No! (Laughter) No, I see them from afar *eh kasi takbuhan*... (Laughter) *'Yung* last time, I was there in Quezon Hall *pero narinig ko na nga nung nagsigawan na 'yung mga tao kasi dinig mo naman talaga eh. Tapos nag*-ring *na 'yung* cell phone ko. "Ma'am, *may mga babae din!" (Laughter) "Nandito ho silang lahat." Napansin nila kung kailan pa daw babae [ang presidente].*

***Kaya nga siguro sumali 'yung mga babae dahil babae na 'yung presidente.* You have kids?**

Yeah, I have two. The eldest is a girl. I have three grandchildren by her.

Are you opening any new campus?

No, not in the near future. We've expanded, we're everywhere. I don't know that we need another campus... *meron kami* up north, *meron kaming* down south, *meron kami sa* center, *meron pa nga kaming* open university. We have students coming from the Middle East.

***Parang* limited *ang* programs *ng* Open University.**

Limited *pa talaga.*

But you're planning to expand?

Well, I don't know what the plans are for the Open University at this stage because there was a time we had a moratorium on new programs. And then very recently, we heard from the chair of the Commission on Higher Education that they have decided to go slow on the delivery of education via distance learning because they're still checking if it's truly effective. *At saka mahirap kung parang tipong* correspondence school *lang 'yan, ano. Baka mag*-deteriorate *siya* into a correspondence school.

Is UP Diliman more rigid than other campuses?

I wouldn't say more rigid but *siguro* that is the impression people are getting. But if you look at the admission, for example, the rejection rate of UP Manila is 96 percent. They take in only 4 percent *kasi naman itong* nursing, eh. I don't know the figures this year, but last year 14,000 applied for admission but they took in only 70.

Do they still have quotas at the medical school?

Kasi nga naman, bakit kami magte-train *ng 'sang katerbang* nurses *na* mag-a-abroad *lang, 'di ba? At saka ang sabi ng* College of Nursing, "We're more interested in improving the program that we have now and we're more interested in developing Philippine nursing rather than, you know, go with the market."

Ang rejection rate *ng* Diliman is 91 percent. Out of 45,000 who apply yearly, we take in only about 3,000. *Tapos may* no-show *pa 'yon*, so *bumababa siya* to about 3,000. Can you imagine, 45,000 *tapos ang papasok lang mga* 3,000? But on average, overall, rejection rate is 83 percent. Seventeen percent *lang ang tinatanggap namin.*

What about the curriculum standard?

I wouldn't say *na mataas 'yung* Diliman. The best ang College of Medicine *ng* Manila. The best *ang* agriculture *ng* Los Baños. *Kasi may kanya-kanya naman kaming* specialization.

You were in UP as a student. In all the years that you've been there, how much has it changed?

It has grown big. Aside from size, I think it went along with (the times)... it tried to be relevant and it has successfully done that. For example, my favorite example, *'yung* library science program *namin* for the longest time *walang nag-a*-apply *dyan. Pagka* introduction *ng* freshmen *sa* opening, "We welcome the students from the Institute of Library Science," *walang tumitindig, 'di ba?* (Laughter) *Kasi walang nag-a*-apply. Almost dead *na 'yon*; we almost had to suspend admission to that program. *Alam mo*, they reinvented themselves *kasi* information science *na 'no*, computers and all that. *Sino naman nga ang gustong mag-aral ng* card catalog? (Laughter) But now they're into information science. Bursting at the seams *sila ngayon. Ang daming estudyanteng nakapila doon.* Geography program, *dati yan* manually you make maps, you have torn and very old maps. *Ngayon nasa* geographic information survey system *na.* Agriculture, *bumababa naman ang* enrollment. Now they're into agricultural biotechnology. So more attuned with the times.

I'm glad UP is able to do that. At the same time, UP is into practically everything. *Sinong* university *dito ang may* archeological studies program? *Kami lang siguro ang magve*-venture into that kind of program, *'di ba?*

We offer these programs, we dare go into programs that other universities would not want to go into so we are really playing a role in the higher education system of the country.

Rocket science?

May nag-uumpisa na, space science, rocket science. *Nag-uumpisa na mga* emerging fields *pero* it's a very slow process.

But do we really have a market for that here, after they graduate? I have a friend who's a graduate of UP Anthro. She's now in a call center.

Yeah, well, *maraming* mass comm *din na nasa* call center, *marami ding* BA *na nasa* call center. But I don't know *na walang* market. I'm sure *merong* market. *Siguro* as professor they will teach the course. But *kaysa sa wala tayong* program at all. It's not a very big program, by the way, in the university, but there is that option.

What are your plans for the improvement of...?

Oh, Tacloban? (Laughs) My plans? *'Yun na nga eh. 'Yung sinasabi namin, sana nga* we are able to develop the campuses that's why we are not into establishing new campuses. We'd like to develop the existing programs.

But, at the same time, *parang* we'd like a Filipino student in the future to say, "Whether I go to Tacloban or to Cebu or to Los Baños or Diliman, I will get the same quality of education." *Parang 'yun 'yung* dream *namin*. So *gusto naming ma*-develop *'yung* UP campuses so they present themselves as very good alternative to, you know, Diliman or Manila or Los Baños. But, at the same time, we are not saying we will make them very comprehensive universities, that we will have a College of Medicine in Tacloban. *Kailangan pinag-aaralan mo ng husto.*

> 'In UP, 40 percent of students are enrolled in science and technology. It is a profile we like to maintain, maybe even improve on'

So what we would like to do—very motherhood statement—we'd like to offer the best education that this country can offer to all our children. That means improving our academic program. That means improving the quality of our faculty, improving the quality of our students.

In what courses does UP have an edge over other schools?

Naku, napaka-political *naman iyang* question *mong 'yan, baka pag sinabi ko 'yan, hindi na ako patatahimikin ng mga...* (Laughter) Strengths *na lang*, strengths *na lang.*

What are the strengths?

I think we have one of the best, well, probably the best in the region, marine science programs. We are ahead in some fields of physics, ahead of some universities in Asean, even Singapore... In terms of research productivity, in terms of the range of program offerings, in terms of infrastructure in marine science, ahead *kami sa ibang* universities sa Asia... despite our budget. *Ang laki naman ng mga* endowments *nitong mga ibang* universities *na 'to*, but we're still ahead.

Sa Fine Arts?

Creative writing, internationally acclaimed, world-class *naman kami.* (Laughter)

In terms of campuses—Los Baños would be agriculture and related fields, and then Manila would be?

Medical, health sciences.

So if a graduating high-school student is thinking of going to a UP campus, *meron bang* distinctive program that would make them decide to go there instead of *sa* Diliman, for instance? Can they really differentiate among the seven campuses?

I suppose *merong* difference. Let me put it this way: *nung unang panahon*, we had biology students in Diliman who eventually went into medicine in Manila. Now Manila also has its biology program and the students also go to [medicine] and they qualify. They edge out students from Diliman so, in that sense, *parang nakikita ninyo parang pantay na.*

Of course, the most popular campus is Diliman. In fact, there is a perception that if you are a UP graduate, you come from Diliman. That's what we want to erase *na* perception because graduates of nursing, of dentistry are graduates of UP Manila. Agriculture graduates, Los Baños *naman 'yan. Ang gagaling nga nung mga* graduates *nilang* foreigners eh.

Next question: When will UP win the UAAP basketball division? (Laughter)

2008! (Laughter)

When was the last time?

1986. Holiday *kami sa* UP *noon.* (Laughter) Again, *ang kwento kapag may nakakapasa sa* bar *sa* UP, *tama na 'yung* streamer. *Pero pagka* champion *sa* basketball, holiday. (Laughter)

Do you watch?

Oh yes. (Laughter) *'Di ba nakikipag-away ako sa dyaryo? Sa* baseball, I watched this baseball game that started at 12 noon. I think it was between UST and UP. At 5 p.m. *hindi pa tapos. Heto na*, last batter *ang kalaban*, UST. *Ang* score something like 7-9. *Tapos naging* 9-8 so one point *na lang eh* last batter *nga ang* UST. Bases loaded, two strikes, three balls. *Naku, Diyos ko. Nagdasal ako bigla. Natalo namin.* (Laughter) *Kinuwento ko 'yan sa mga kaibigan ko* the following day, blow-by-blow. *Sabi nila, "Bilib ako sa'yo.* You even diversify the sources of your tension." (Laughter) *Kasi nakakatense din 'yung manood ng* basketball *o* baseball.

Sabi siguro, nagdadasal 'yung taga*-UP. *Bihira yan. Papanalunin na natin.

Pero, malas din ako eh. There was a time I watched a baseball game. *Lumabas ako, nagpasyal ako sa* Harrison Plaza *kasi natatalo na kami, nadi*-disappoint *na ako. Nag*-text *sa 'kin 'yung* dean, "Ma'am, we're now ahead." *Sabi ko*, is it time for me to go back? "Ahead *na po tayo* eh. " *Bumalik ako. Pagbalik ko, talo.* (Laughter)

Sa* baseball, at least, *lumalaban ang* UP. *Sa* basketball, *talagang hindi yata.

Alam mo nakakatawa. You know, we may not be doing very well in basketball but basketball is the favorite. That's the one that is televised. That's the one everybody watches. But we're really good in swimming, we're good in football, we're good in baseball, we're good in chess, that's why No. 2 *kami sa* overall. *Pero hindi naman naha-*

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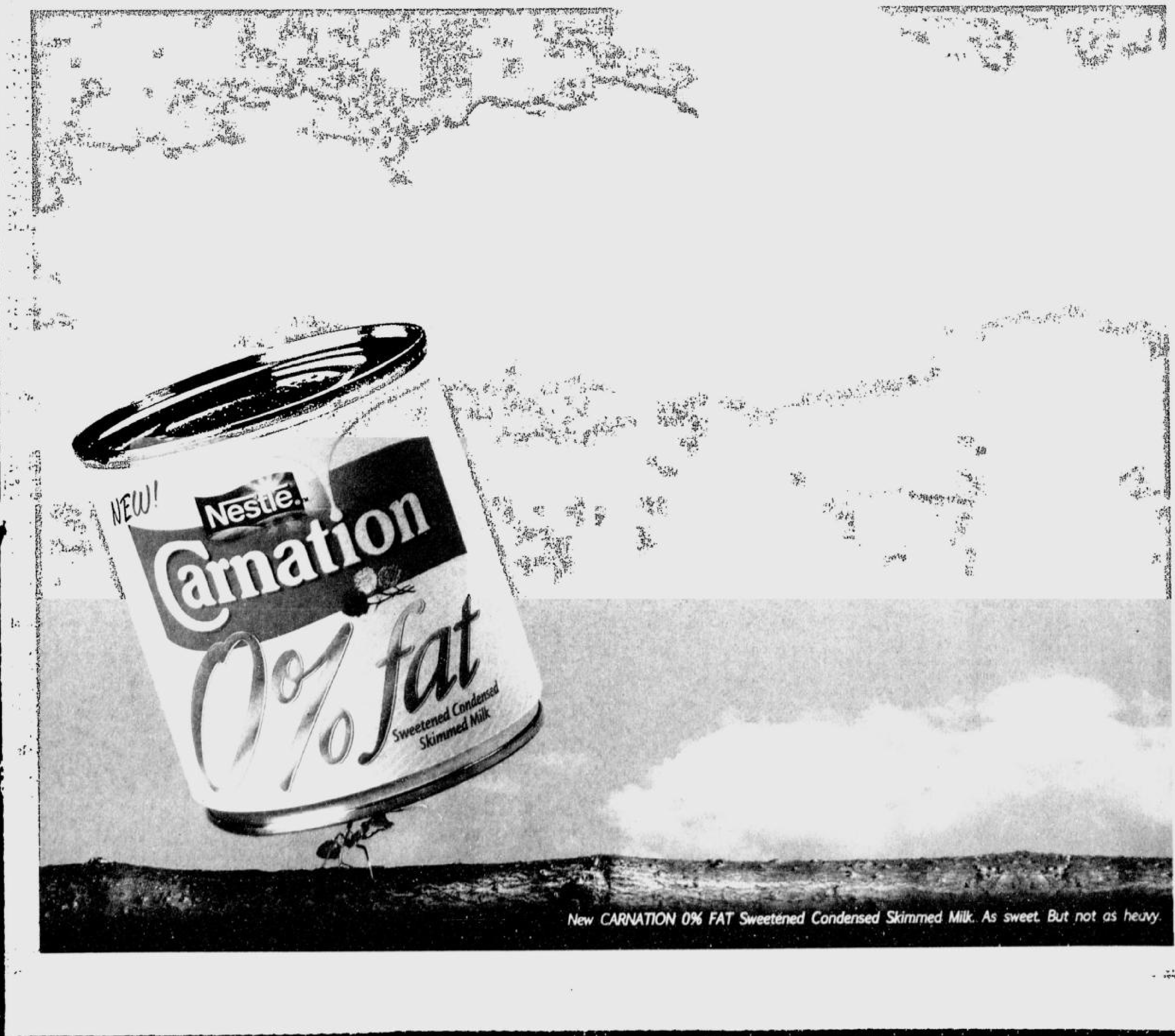
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highlight *'yung* No. 2 *kami sa* overall. They highlight that we are in the lower four in basketball.

Pero ang saya talaga. Bilib na bilib ako sa mga athletes. *Nako*-compare *ko sila sa mga* fraternities. *'Yung mga* athletes *talagang umiiyak 'yan pag natatalo.* You know you go to the dugout after they lose a game. *Nakaupo sila dun, hindi mo sila makausap, umiiyak 'yung iba,* you know. And yet they're not given privileges *pag nag-aaral. Walang* make-up exam, and yet *iiyakan nila* to bring honor to UP. *Eto namang mga* fraternity *nagpapatayan, nagsusuntukan tapos naka*-front page. *Kami* back page *lang ang sports* . So, *sabi ko,* how ironic *ano? Kailangan sila 'yung suportahan ninyo, 'di ba?*

How's the religion scene in UP?

Let me tell you that the permit for the property where the Catholic church stands has expired and *pati sa* Protestant. But we're not going to ask them to leave. We're negotiating. You cannot topple down the Catholic church. It's a cultural landmark by a National Artist.

Do you include Marxism as a comparative religion? (Laughter)

Dodong [Nemenzo] did a lecture on Marxism. *At saka nagte*-teleconference *kami*. Have you experienced that in Tacloban (addressing an intern from UP Tacloban)? You have a star professor delivering his lecture live in Diliman and it's streamed to all UP campuses and there's interaction. That's our way of helping the younger units to get exposed to the star professors in one campus. *Tapos may* CD version *pa kami.* Supplement.

What do you do to relax, like on weekends?

I watch TV. I like "Law & Order," "CSI." *Naku,* Wednesday and Sunday are my CSI days. *At saka* news and sometimes movies.

Do you go out?

Yah, I will have dinner tonight with my daughter. She's here with my granddaughter. *Bakasyon lang.* My granddaughter sings. She's doing a jingle for Sustagen and she did her recording yesterday.

> 'It takes a little bit of madness to want to stay in UP'

How old is she?

Ten. *Galing siya sa* Singapore. She arrived yesterday. Four-day workweek *lang kami,* so I was there in the recording studio with her. *Nag*-recording *siya*. They're leaving tomorrow so I'm having dinner with the whole family.

My son is with me. No girlfriend.

Your granddaughter is Julia?

Yes, Julia, she sings professionally. She has sung with Martin Nievera, with Lea Salonga, and she's in this musical, "Aspects of Love," which is being shown at Republic of Malate.

She sang the opening number at the Sea Games and she sings for the president of Singapore, *'yung pag may mga* [occasions]... She's here for a recording but she's going back tomorrow. *Sila* (grandchildren) *and aking* pastime.

Do you sing, too?

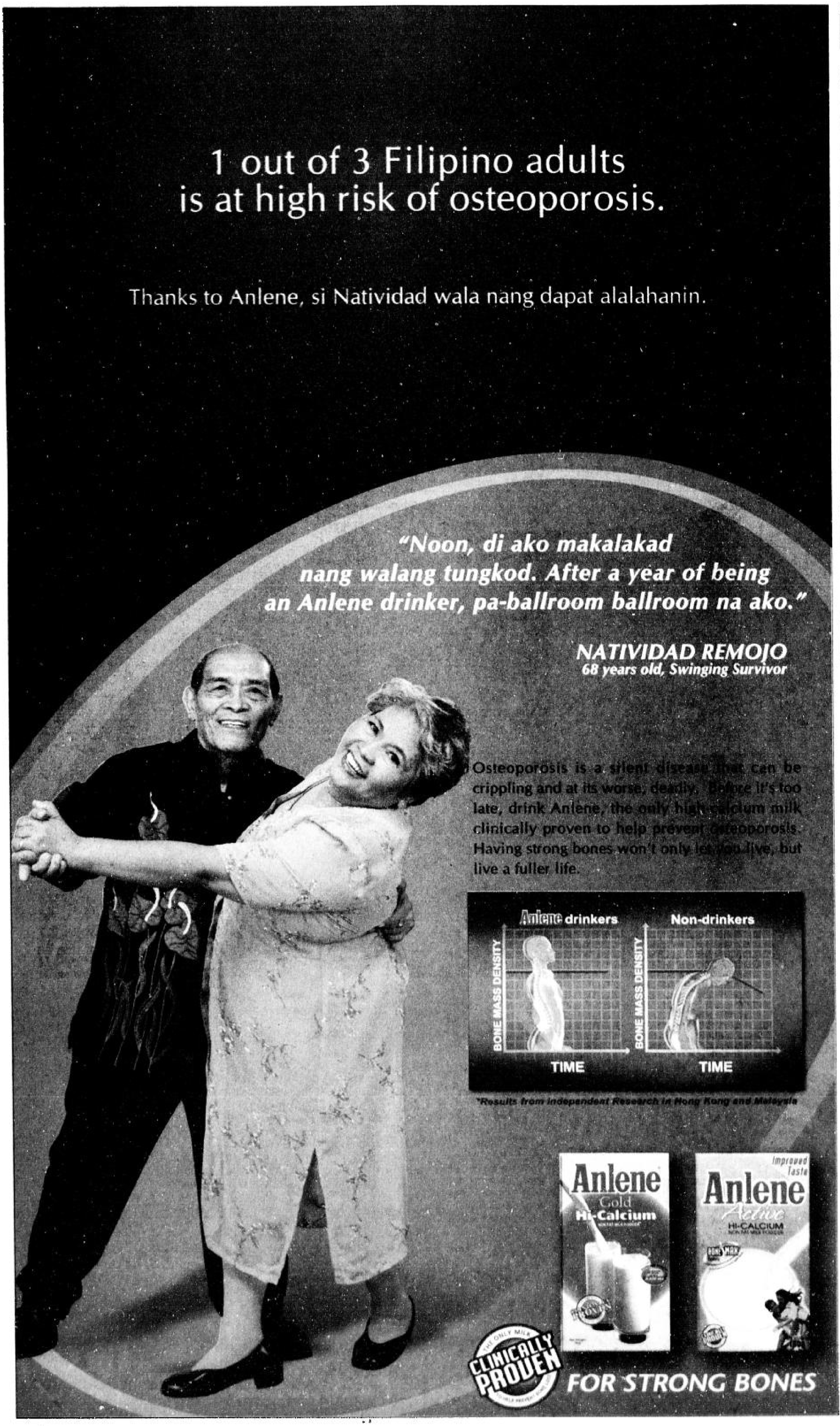
A little. (Laughter) *Pagka 'yung* thank-God-it's-Friday.

Why did you major in agriculture?

Because we lived in Los Baños. *'Yun nga 'yung* time *na 'yung nanay mo gusto na colegiala ka. Hindi ka ipadadala* anywhere except where you lived... I was born in Los Baños.

So what has UP contributed to you as a person?

What I am now. All I can say is that my life has always been with UP. I'm a UP girl through and through and my state of mind now is UP. *Simple, 'di ba?* I do not want to complicate my life. It's complicated enough to be in UP. To complicate it further, *ayoko na.*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Healthy Bones Crusade

Anlene Bone Health Check Marathon attended by celebrities fit to the bone.

Anlene, being the Bone Expert, was the first brand to ever mount a bone scan marathon for free. Held at Glorietta last May 13, 2006, the "Save Your Bones, Love Your Life" Mega Bone Scan Event is a crusade to spread the word about bone health and osteoporosis prevention. A total of 1,400 scans was conducted during the day, with eight bone scan machines devoted to hundreds of women who came for their tests and joined the activities.

The Osteoporosis Society of the Philippines Foundation participated in the day's slew of activities. A talk about prevention of osteoporosis was conducted by Dr. Julie Li-Yu, emphasizing the growing threat of this bone disease which affects women in their post-menopausal age.

Anlene endorser Pilita Corrales took the lead in having a bone scan. Her test results showed that drinking Anlene everyday helped fortify her bones so that she can still do her famous signature back bend.

Champion runner Elma Muros Posadas maintains her staying power in her field with a proper diet, exercise, and drinking milk as her regular regimen.

Other celebrities who joined the Anlene crusade for healthy bones were singer/performer Pinky Marquez, dancer and choreographer Maribeth Bichara and Repertory Philippines' Pinky Amador, women who are still at the peak of their chosen fields.

Regine Tolentino challenged the women in the audience to some bending movements and hula hoop competition and wowed her audience with her dance showdown demonstrating her strong bones.

Jolina Magdangal hosted the energy-packed mega bone scan event which was well attended despite the rains. It awakened among women the importance of battling osteoporosis by saving their bones and loving their lives.

Anlene Saves Bones

The storm "Caloy" failed to discourage women all over Metro Manila to troop to Glorietta last May 13 to join Anlene's crusade to prevent osteoporosis.

The event, entitled "Glorietta Save Your Bones, Love Your Life Mega Bone Scan Event" is part of Anlene's thrust to educate women on bone health to prevent osteoporosis - a disease which, left unchecked, could lead to fractures and bone deterioration. This is a condition that is crippling millions of women in Asia due to low calcium intake.

Over 1,200 women took the bone density test. Eight bone scan machines were brought in to this bone density test marathon. Anlene is the first brand to ever mount a bone scan marathon for free.

Women who have displayed staying power in their respective fields were prominent during the event. Elma Muros Posadas, champion runner, maintains her running prowess and attributes this to a good diet, exercise and drinking milk as her regular regimen.

No one can deny that Asia's songbird Pilita Corrales can still do her signature back bend when she renders her immortal love songs. Pilita is an avid Anlene drinker.

Pinky Marquez, now a stage performer who has to stay on her feet for rehearsals and her shows, has acknowledged the importance of healthy bones as the secret to her "staying power."

Maribeth Bichara, a familiar face on stage and television as a dancer, is still up on her feet, coaching students on the art of dance.

Also happy with her bone scan density test was Repertory's Pinky Amador.

Regine Tolentino wowed her audience with her dance showdown to demonstrate the beauty of having healthy bones.

Jolina Magdangal hosted the event and reminded women that bone health consciousness should start at an early age as a preventive measure against osteoporosis.

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New center is music to the hearing-impaired

A new facility at DLS-CSB is expected to strengthen the learning and teaching of the Filipino Sign Language, the lingua franca of hearing-impaired Pinoys

By Linda B. Bolido

THERE'S AN OLD folk song about four beggars having fun. The lame beggar dances, while the mute sings, the deaf listens and the blind watches. The joke, of course, is in having the four people doing what supposedly they are not capable of because of their handicap.

The truth is, however, the deaf is not only incapable of hearing but should also be, technically, unable to dance. Rhythm and beat, after all, so necessary in dance, come from music. If the deaf cannot hear, how can he/she follow the rhythm and the beat?

But at the De La Salle University-College of St. Benilde's (DLS-CSB) School of Deaf Education and Applied Studies (SDEAS), the deaf is accomplishing the improbable—dance. The ability to dance is actually just "gravy" to the skills the school's hearing-impaired students are learning.

The school started in 1991 as a vocational institution offering a two-year certificate course in bookkeeping and accounting. Instruction was handled by the School for Special Studies. At the time, only 15 students were accepted. Eventually, it evolved into what it is now, a full-fledged academic unit with the addition of the four-year degree program Bachelor in Applied Deaf Studies that prepares students to be teachers for the hearing-impaired.

In school year 2000-2001, consultations with everyone involved—students, faculty, and experts—led to the fine-tuning of the school's program and its renaming to SDEAS. The focus of the degree program shifted from teacher-training to deaf studies, with specialization in applied arts or business, broadening the options for livelihood and gainful employment of graduates.

In fact, a SDEAS proposal, "Youth Entre-ployment for the Deaf," was a finalist at the recent World Bank-sponsored Panibagong Paraan 2006 project grant competition among innovative, small-scale development projects.

Training was also broadened to incorporate "formation or nonacademic programs" for student development, hence, the lessons in dance, among others (DLS-CSB has a resident deaf artistic group, Silent Steps).

Though the school has since accepted students from more privileged backgrounds, it is primarily designed to provide opportunities for the underprivileged to be productive members of society.

SDEAS' membership in PEN-International in 2002 further strengthened its capacity to provide adequate and relevant training to its students. PEN, which

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Call for library funding

THE ATENEO LAW SCHOOL (ALS) is currently asking for additional funding for its library through the Law Library Support Fund.

"The library is an integral part of the Professional Schools academic program," says Ateneo Professional Schools (APS) chief librarian Teresita Moran. "Education does not end in the classrooms. The library provides many educational opportunities for those who want to learn," she added.

Currently, the library houses materials primarily for law students composed of around 60,000 volumes of books and bound journals, 200 periodical titles, and educational video tapes and compact discs, which are available through the computerized public access catalogs. Internet working stations are also available to log on to databases such as Westlaw, EBSCOhost online, Encyclopedia Britannica online, and ACM online digital library.

The library also has several rooms that serve diverse functions for its users: Faculty Reading Room; Special Collections Room; Reference Room; Periodicals Room; Wi-Fi Area; Circulation, Audio-Visual Room; Electronic Resources Room; Technical Services Room; Intermediate Distribution Function Room; Staff Lounge/Conference Room; Photocopying Room; Users' Information Desk; Reading Areas; Newspaper Reading Area; and Mezzanine Area.

According to lawyer Sedfrey Candelaria, associate dean for Student Affairs, the projected P30-million budget will significantly help in the improvement of the ALS Library's collection of local and international materials (books, journals, etc.), subscription to online databases, acquisition of more audio-visual equipment and facilities, infrastructure expansion, and staff development to deliver better law library service.

"More access to resources, particularly international materials, and alternative forms of legal references, is key to equipping law students and practitioners alike with the recent trends in legal education and law practice, thus maximizing their skills and capabilities and making world-class lawyers," he said.

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QUALITY EDUCATION COMES AT a high price, and parents need all the help they can get. For Patricia Feraren, a 29-year-old mother and entrepreneur, that help comes from her Citibank credit card.

Together with husband Donny, the young mother of three spares no expense to ensure a bright future for Kayla, 8, Chloe, 4, and Enzo, 2. "It's definitely a top priority for us to give them the best possible education. They're at that crucial stage when their minds need to be nurtured and you need to instill in them the love for learning," Patricia said.

A co-owner and teacher of Child's Home Educational Play-Care Center, Patricia appreciates the problem of rising costs of education. One way she copes is to plan the family expenses—as early as one year before. "Soon after paying tuition, we are already setting aside budget for the next year. I'm glad I can turn to my Citibank credit card for other expenses," said Patricia.

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New center is music to the hearing-impaired

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stands for Post-secondary Network, is an international collaborative network of colleges and universities that provide post-secondary education to the deaf.

Multimedia

The most recent result of this partnership is the opening of the multimedia PEN-International Learning Center (PEN-LC) at the DLS-CSB campus. Dr. James J. de Caro, PEN-International director, attended the formal opening of the center.

Administered by SDEAS, the center is patterned after a similar facility at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf of the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, United States. Supported by the Nippon Foundation, PEN-LC employs the latest in multimedia technologies, including Internet-ready computers, to address the remedial and developmental needs of deaf and hard of hearing students especially in reading, writing and numeracy.

Students and teachers can also use it as a resource center where they can access technologies and reading materials for one-on-one learning or small group studies.

In particular, SDEAS expects that the center will strengthen the learning and teaching of the Filipino Sign Language, the lingua franca of hearing-impaired Filipinos.

It is not generally known that sign is not universal. There are almost as many "sign" as oral languages. But though the country's deaf use Filipino "sign," the language is not developed or patterned after the medium used by majority of the population.

With the new learning center, SDEAS expects it will be better able to accomplish its goals of offering programs responsive to the needs of the hearing impaired, conducting research on innovative strategies for their holistic development and empowering them by preserving deaf heritage and nurturing Filipino deaf culture, among others.

WITH the latest in multimedia technologies, the new PEN Learning Center of De La Salle University-College of St. Benilde also serves as a resource center for deaf students and their teachers, ensuring that technologies and reading materials are easily accessible for one-on-one or small group consultations and tutoring.

Exploring the School Zone
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Pick from a pack of preschools

The little bundle of joy you brought home is now a bundle of energy tearing around the house. It's time to choose a preschool that will provide the right environment to make your child feel enthusiastic about mastering new skills.

Here's a quick guide to the quest for the preschool that's perfect for preparing your child to a life of advance learning:

1. Do your homework early. Look into multiple learning programs to find out what is most appropriate for your child. Arrange for a tour. Schedule a follow-up visit and bring your child to check how he or she will function within the program. Slots are often limited so start your research early to make sure your child can join the school.

2. Find out if the school is a good fit. Take time to think about whether your child will thrive in a busy and active place with lots of other kids or feel more comfortable in a small and nurturing environment. Ask school authorities about the size of their classes and the ratio of teacher per child. It's important to consider how your child's personality will adapt to the school set-up.

3. Evaluate the teaching facilitators and staff. You will entrust your most precious child in the hands of total strangers, so you better be sure they have the proper qualifications and training experience. Check how long they have been with the school. Do they have their own children as well? Do they love kids?

4. Select an educational model. Some schools' approach to learning is play-based while others use more traditional methods. Some schools integrate multiple educational philosophies. Again, you are the best judge of what is most suitable because you know the needs of your child best.

5. Assess the children's activities. Take a look at the different areas in the room such as the art section and building blocks corner to get an idea of how the school structures its activities. Do the children work independently or with others? Are the kids encouraged to use their imagination and to engage in pretend-play or fantasy? Do they have the leeway to run around in the yard? Remember fun is a key element in learning.

6. Know the school's approach to literacy. Children exhibit different levels of readiness to reading. Some are inclined to learn how to read right away while others may not be quite as ready. Analyze if the school method is right for your child. When pushed too soon, some [illegible]

7. Clarify the school's feedback policy. It is important to know how the school's administration and teaching staff plan to keep you informed about your child's progress. Some schools have meeting schedules to update you and answer your questions. Some even have a newsletter. Know the contact numbers and information of key facilitators like their cell phone numbers, email address, etc.

8. Check disciplinary action on misbehavior. Ask how the school will deal with common misbehavior among children. Is your child going to be punished? In what way? Will the teachers consult with you first before they administer any form of penalty? Is it the policy of the school to work with you in dealing with your problems as they arise?

9. Obtain a copy of the class schedule. This is to give you an idea of how much of your child's time in school will be devoted to different activities and classes. Likewise, it tells you how the day will be structured to cater to your child's physical, emotional and intellectual needs.

10. Get the names of your co-parents. Get the names and contact information of the parents of other kids. Talk to them and ask specific questions. This is a good way to thresh out your doubts and worries, particularly if you're a first-time parent, and will form the basis of a good support group.

A positive and pleasant school atmosphere helps ensure your child will be open to advance learning in school. Choosing a school is one of the most important decisions you will ever make, so take the time to give it some thought.

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Unique school graduation

THE MARY'S LOVE SCHOOL Program of the Oblates of St. Benedict (OSB) led by Terry Palomar recently held its graduation ceremony in Barangay Tibig in Cavite.

The young graduates delivered Tagalog poems and performed a folk dance.

Palomar said the school followed a Filipiniana theme for the graduation so as to impress upon the young children the richness of Filipino culture.

"It seemed that a lot of young children hardly know anything about classic Tagalog songs and poems so we felt this is a great opportunity to highlight such an integral part of our society," Palomar said.

Mary's Love School Program is an outreach program of OSB. It provides a 210-hour curriculum consisting of arts, crafts, reading and basic math to children 2-6 years old.

"Teaching these children has given us so much joy," Palomar said. "Of course, this would not be possible without the support of parents as well as other private individuals and companies."

Mary's Love School Program had the support of parents and local officials of Cavite, volunteer-parents of St. Scholastica's College-Westgrove, and of the Ayala Land Premier (ALP) and Ayala Westgrove Heights.

"We commend the Oblates of St. Benedict for their efforts as well as the parents for giving importance to early education of their children," ALP division manager Robert Lao said.

AYALA Land Premier division manager Robert Lao hands a certificate to one of the graduates of Mary's Love School program in Barangay Tibig in Cavite.

GRADUATES perform at the graduation rites.

THE OBLATES of St. Benedict led by Sis. Catherine Sanchez (seated, center) and Terry Palomar (standing, second from right)

More than a scholarship program

MARK GIL MAMAC FROM MINDANAO remembered the days when he had to help his parents literally forage for food. He hunted for food in the jungle and dived into rushing waters for freshwater shell animals.

His father took on odd jobs that earned barely enough for the family, and his mother supplemented their income through hog raising in order to send him and his other siblings to school.

Things went from bad to worse. They were neck-deep in debt and the Mamacs were evicted from their home.

But Mark was determined to go to college. He applied for a scholarship with the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., (MBFI) and was accepted.

In 2006, Mark, a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy major, finished cum laude at the Ateneo de Davao University. He and his fellow Metrobank Foundation scholars were honored by the foundation in a four-day Graduates Forum on April 21-25. From various colleges all over the country, they gathered at the Metrobank Plaza to meet their benefactors.

MBFI 2006 top scholars pose with Aniceto Sobrepeña, executive VP and executive director; and Dr. Placido Mapa, president.

For the past four years, MBFI has been holding a Graduate's Forum as a "homecoming" for their scholars—a chance to meet one another and the foundation.

The forum prepares the scholars for the "real world" by giving them an opportunity to learn from experts who have made their mark in their respective fields. It also serves to celebrate the achievements of the scholars.

Life stories

Starting off with a sharing session, "Conversations," 13 out of 21 Latin honor graduates exchanged life stories with Aniceto "Chito" Sobrepeña, executive vice president and executive director of Metrobank Foundation. For four days, Sobrepeña encouraged scholars to speak their mind. He urged them to "harness your talents into a potent force for social development."

Attended by all 73 graduate scholars, the lecture series tackled career direction and planning, given by Metrobank's recruitment manager Anna Melissa Sumpaico; making choices by lay preacher and assistant special prosecutor Robert "Bobby" Quitain; and social responsibility by Alexander Lacson of the Malcolm Law Office.

After the workshops, the scholars shared personal stories and later partied.

Speaking in behalf of Metrobank chair George SK Ty, Placido Mapa, president of Metrobank Foundation, said young men and women not only have the potential to succeed in their individual careers but also make worthwhile contributions to the community and the country.

He challenged the scholars to maintain and nurture the standards of excellence they have imbibed as Metrobank Foundation scholars.

"The second challenge is for you to find significant ways by which to express your gratitude, and thus give something of yourselves, your talents, your skills to benefit your respective communities and our country," Mapa said. He noted that this is George SK Ty's philosophy.

In a speech that he delivered, Mark exhorted his fellow graduate scholars to be agents of change. He urged them not to repay the Foundation but to "pay it forward… by serving those who are in dire need."

Mamac's story inspired not only his fellow scholars but also Metrobank Foundation executives.

"In the midst of all the problems we are facing as a nation," said Sobrepeña, "the Graduates Forum is an opportunity to come face to face with a very promising group of young people who gives us a sense of hope."

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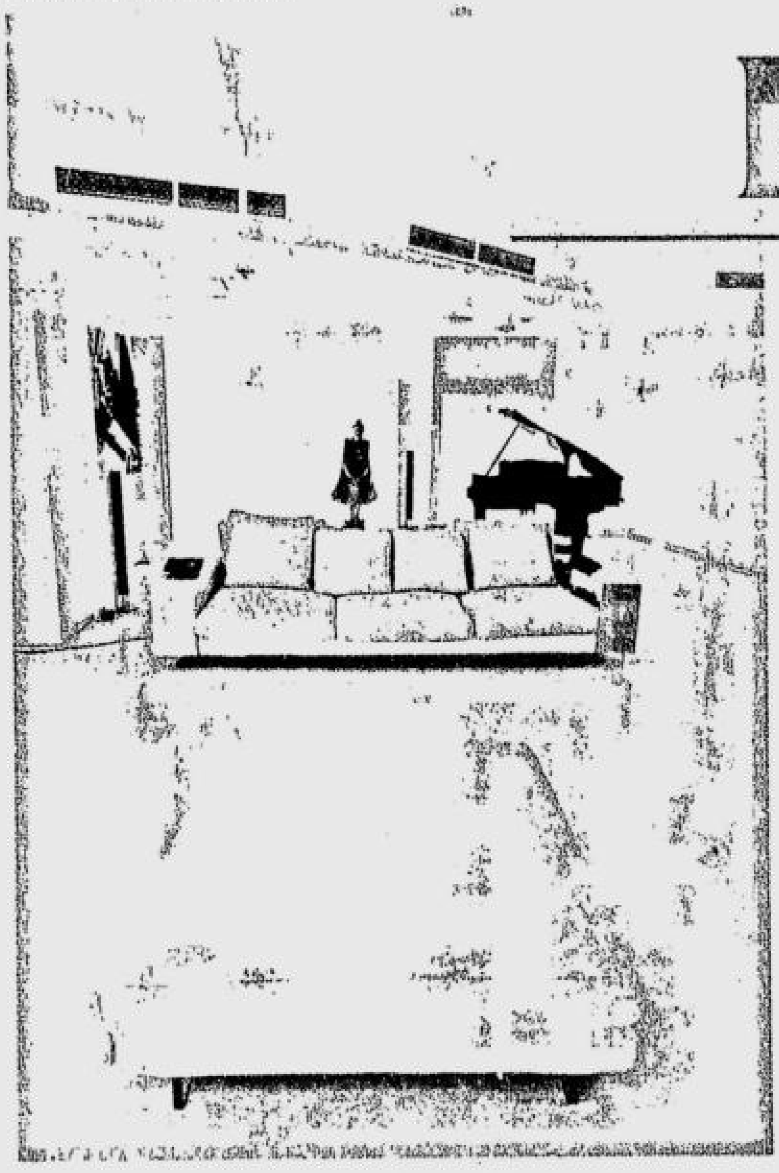
Dare to bare

Like an Ernest Hemingway novel, a Samuel Beckett play, or a Robert Bresson film, Uli Behringer's home, stripped to its essentials, is a poetic expression of minimalism in the quest for space and peace



FORM AND FUNCTION. For furniture, only Italian design masters B&B Italia or Flexform, with their simple structure, functionality and exquisite workmanship, are welcome in this bare home.

Text by AA Patawaran
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AS IT DID back when it first introduced itself in the 1960s as the last great movement in the high arts, minimalism poses a challenge now that maximum volume and texture are in season: just how much of what we have today do we really need to live a full, stress-free life?

"Not much really," says Manila-based Swiss industrialist Uli Behringer. In reference to his own lifestyle, it is not so much minimalism as a way of life that is devoid of clutter. "I'm not a collector at all," he says. "I like to own as little as possible."

Is this all?

Behringer once lived all by himself in a 1903 colonial-style home that stood right next to the River Rhine.

"When I moved from Germany to Hong Kong, where

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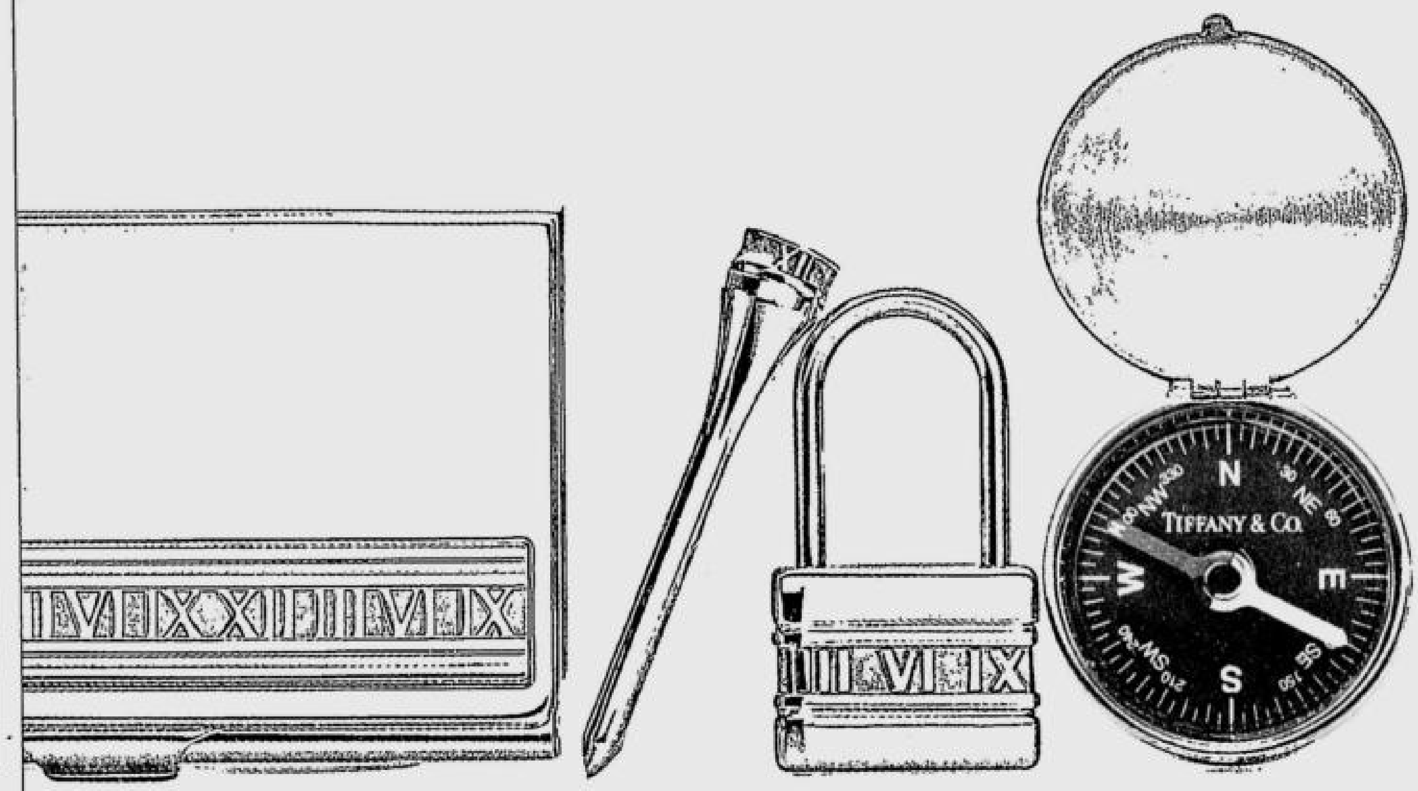

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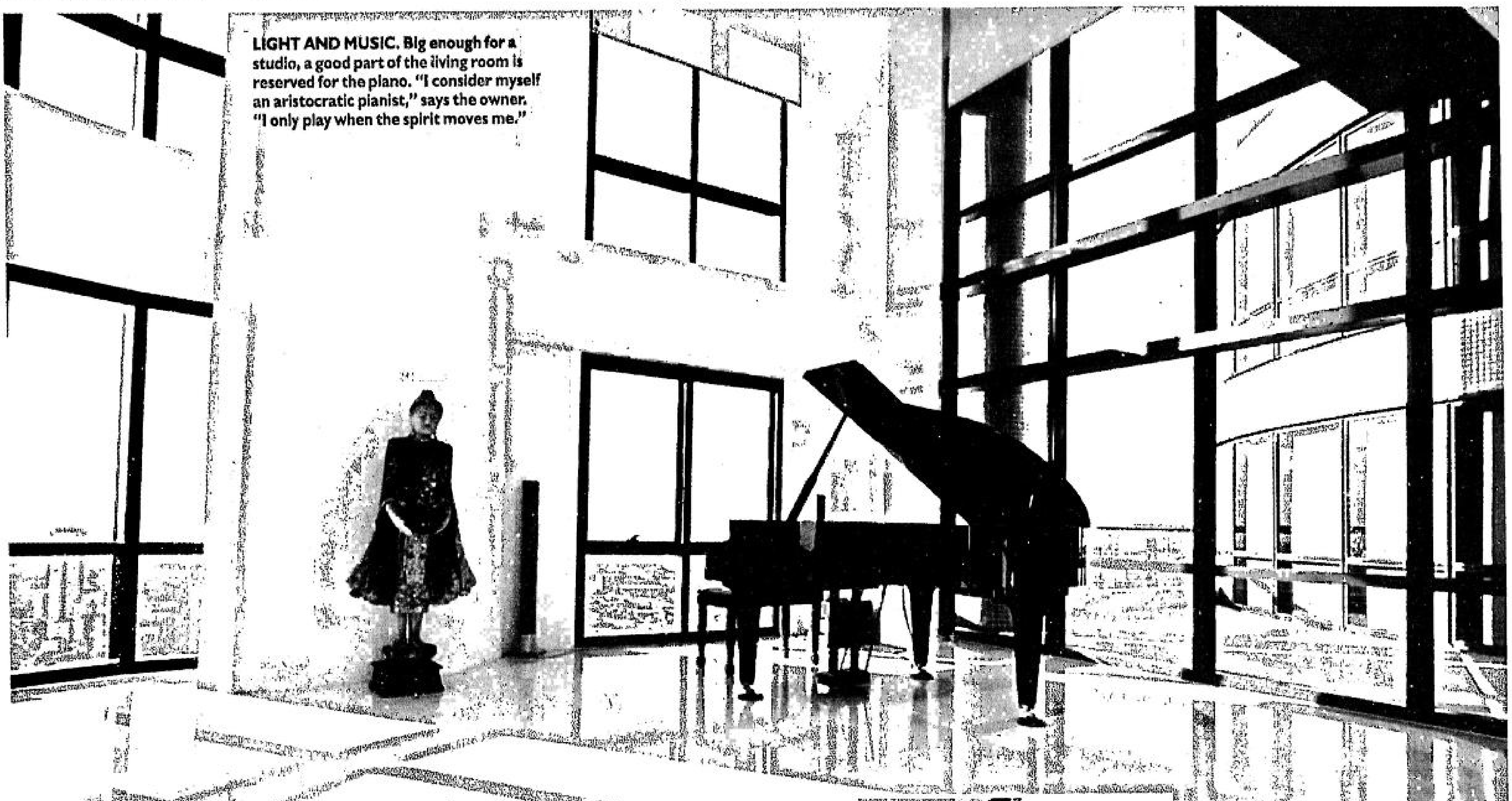

LIGHT AND MUSIC. Big enough for a studio, a good part of the living room is reserved for the piano. "I consider myself an aristocratic pianist," says the owner. "I only play when the spirit moves me."

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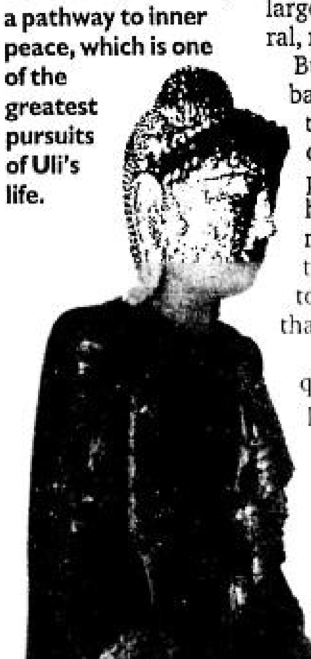

PEACE BE WITH YOU. More than ornaments, a few statues of the Burmese Buddha stand guard in select corners of the house, a pathway to inner peace, which is one of the greatest pursuits of Uli's life.

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stress (as well as space) became more of an issue, I began to demand refuge and paradise from my living area."

The word "sanctuary" translates to spaciousness in Behringer's book, synonymous to open-room designs, maximum ceiling height, large windows, sun-flooded rooms, and natural, neutral colors, such as white and beige.

But these classical elements of design based on bare essentials only help to push the envelope in Behringer's quest for less clutter, more legroom. Minimalism, as expressed in his two-story, 445-sqm penthouse unit in Makati, is almost an ode to nothingness, where a few pieces of furniture, and even fewer artworks, only serve to call attention to open, near-empty, barer-than-bare space.

Walking past Behringer's doorstep is quite like staring at a Robert Mangold painting. You tend to think, "Is this all?" In the end, after staring long enough at those subtle, thin, barely moving, almost imperceptible lines on almost blank canvases, you realize it is only a matter of sharpening your perception before you see the point behind all that unused space.

On the other hand, Behringer's presence is enough to fill the room, especially if the spirit moves him to apply his deft fingers on the piano and imbue all that space with music. Armed with a master's degree in sound engineering, the master of the house, after all, is the man behind the world-famous brand Behringer.

Behringer the company designs, manufactures, and distributes professional audio equipment, musical instruments, and other related products such as loudspeakers, amplifiers, microphones, headphones and wireless systems. Behringer the man is a classically trained pianist, with a particular fondness for jazz.

Fun-filled and clutter-free

"This place has been clearly designed to entertain friends and there has been a wide range of parties here," says Behringer. "Sometimes just a couple of close friends come over and everything happens in the kitchen where I serve mostly Japanese food and great wines. On the other hand, I host quite a few nights with live music and those are the most memorable. We gather some musicians and everyone plays, sings and, as the night goes on, dances. Recently I had Bituin Escalante and friends here and we jammed the night away. She's fantastic, one the best singers I have ever known."

THE PIANIST. The master of the house is a classically trained pianist, who is in love with jazz.

Indeed, the piano has pride of place in Behringer's home, sharing it only with a few paintings by fine-arts students Jessica Antonio, Jin Joson, Amanda Legasto and Wish Ronquillo, and a couple of life-size statues of Burmese Buddhas he acquired on some of his travels.

"Look at these Buddhas," he muses. "Don't they make you feel peaceful? I bought the artworks because I'd like to support these young, promising painters and they lend a hint of color to all this white!"

The other fixtures are simply items of necessity, such as a king-size bed in the bedroom and a mid-size sofa in the living area, all Italian, either by B&B Italia or Flexform, Behringer's favorites among Italy's furniture masters. Even something as basic as a dining table seems superfluous in the design of the home. Instead, a glass counter built around an open kitchen provides Behringer with more than enough space for his equally minimalist, mostly vegetarian meals.

Behringer was lucky to have acquired the penthouse as a "shell and core" unit. "This gave me the advantage of freely decorating the place, but it also meant it would take more than a year for me to move in," he says.

Although he was quite sure what he wanted out of it, he thought it best to have an architect like Joey Yupangco on his side. Over a few drinks, they let their ideas run wild until they reached a common ground. Among Joey's approaches to Behringer's desire for roominess was to push up the ceiling, leaving it open wherever possible, and to slightly

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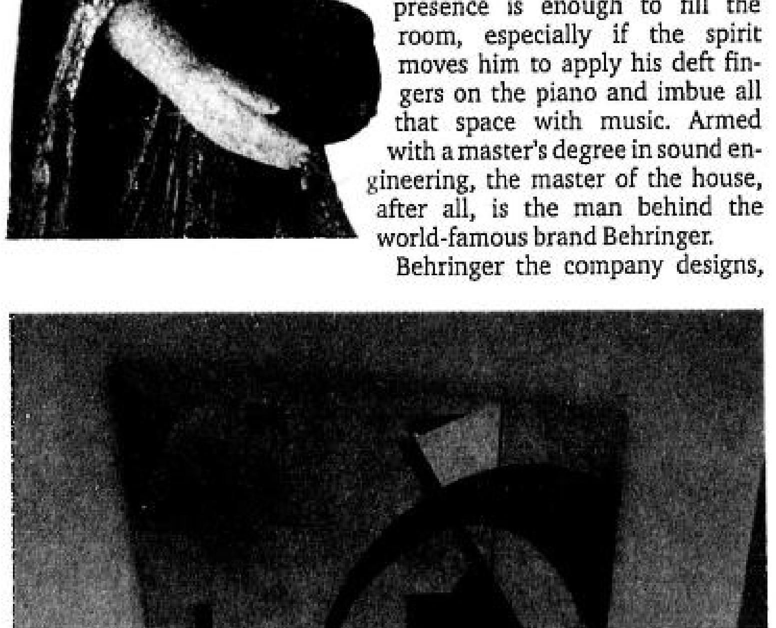
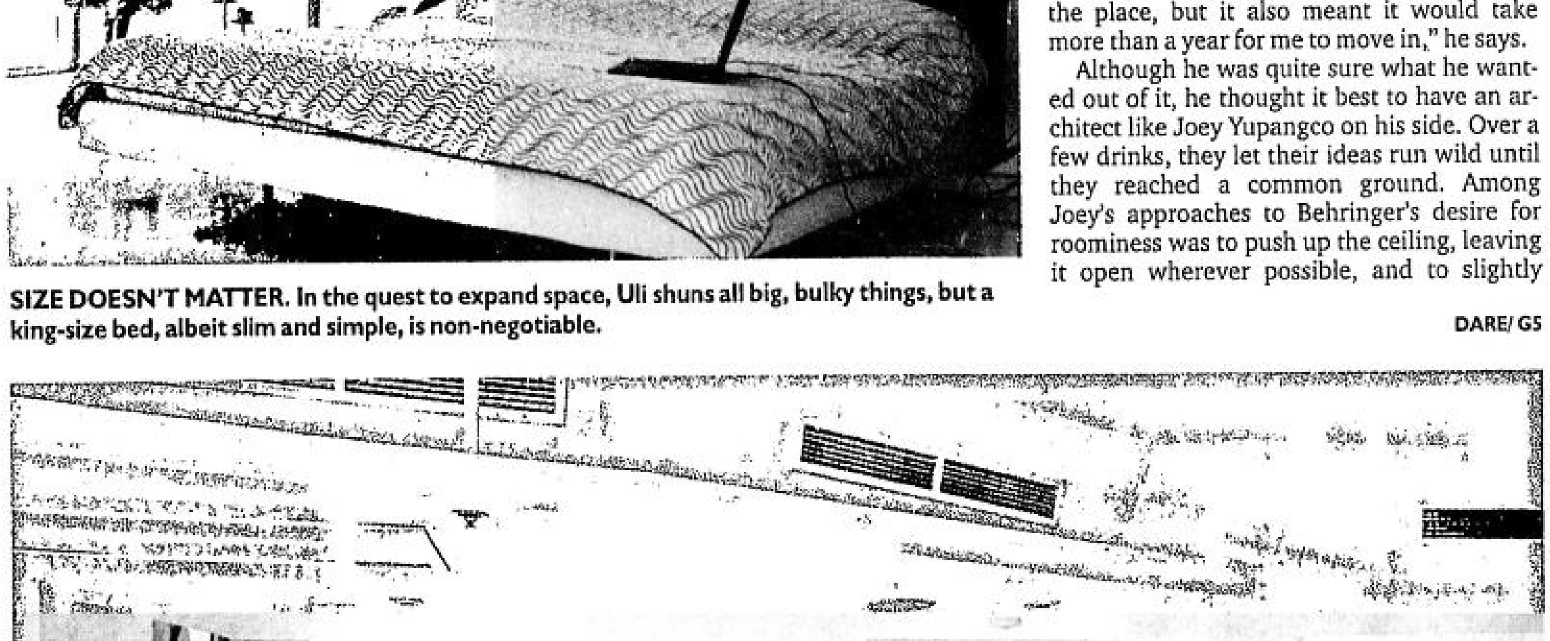
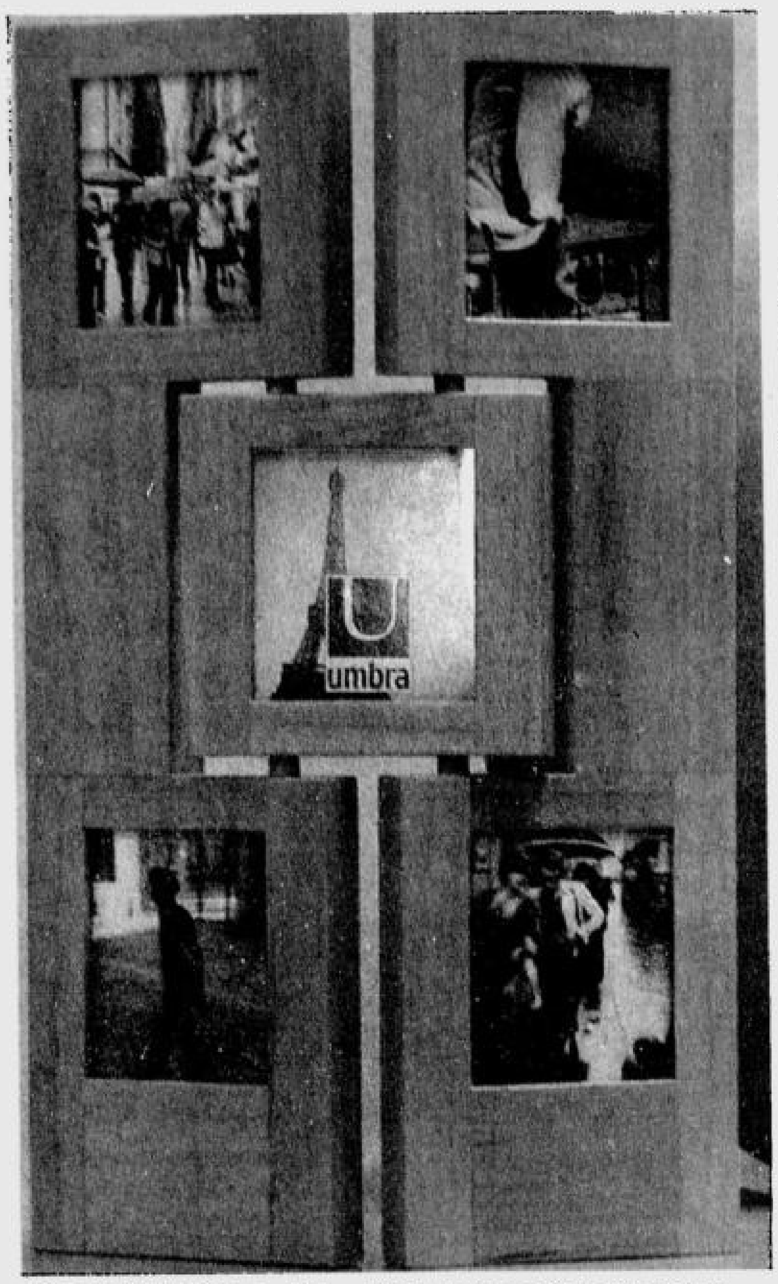
SIZE DOESN'T MATTER. In the quest to expand space, Uli shuns all big, bulky things, but a king-size bed, albeit slim and simple, is non-negotiable.



HINT OF COLOR. Enamored of the Filipino artist, Uli bought a few artworks, such as this one at the stairway to the loft, from student painters at the University of the Philippines to punctuate his bare white walls.



DOWN TO BASICS. An Italian-made sofa subtly breaks the infinity of white space. Uli always explains in jest, "After decorating the place, I have no more money left to buy furniture."



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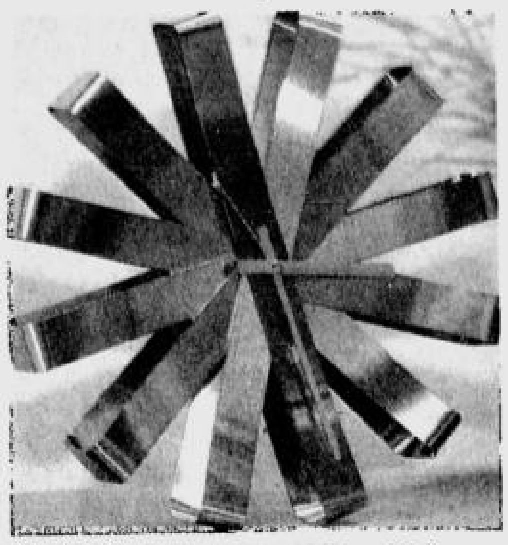

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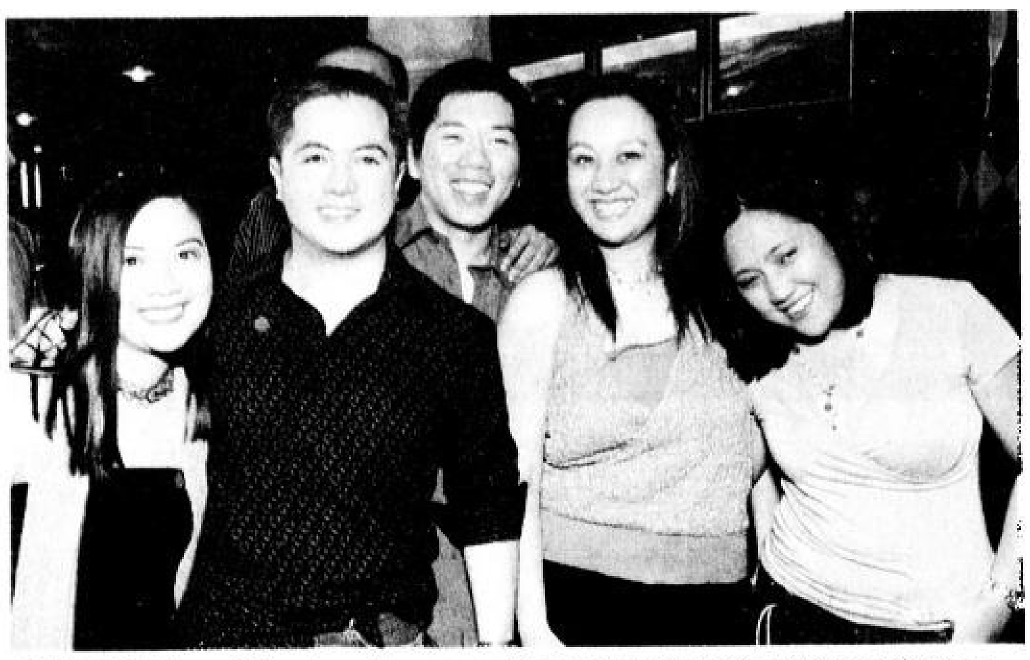

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COCA-COLA Export Corp.'s Teejae Sonza (second from right); with Nestlé's Gabby Posadas, Jaime Lim, AD Macatangay and Tina Samaco with the Nestea Ice Queens

COCA-COLA Export Corp.'s NCB portfolio director Diggy Dey; NCB operations director Lysius Millana; Cecille Caling, CCBG business development manager

LARS Olofsson, Nestlé SA executive VP; Ernesto Blanch, BPW Asia Zone president; Bianca Valerio and the winter girls

New summer drink launched

THE NEW, READY-TO-DRINK Nestea Ice was launched at Mezze and Pepato in Greenbelt recently.

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The launch was hosted by Raymond Gutierrez and Bianca Valerio.

Nestea Ice is a product of Beverage Partners Worldwide Inc., a partnership between Nestlé SA and The Coca-Cola Company. On hand at the event were representatives of Beverage Partners Worldwide Inc., Nestlé Philippines and Nestlé SA, The Coca-Cola Export Corporation, and its bottling partner, San Miguel Corporation.

The program featured as speakers Ernesto Blanch, president of Beverage Partners Worldwide, Inc. Asia; Nandu Nandkishore, chair and CEO of Nestlé Philippines; and Alex von Behr, Philippine division president of The Coca-Cola Export Corporation. They, together with San Miguel Corporation representatives Hector Guballa and Lars Olofsson, executive vice president of Nestle SA, led guests in the first toast.

Nestea Ice is now available nationwide, at a suggested retail price of P15.

HECTOR Guballa of Coca-Cola Beverage Group, San Miguel; Ernesto Blanch, Asia Zone president, Beverage Partners Worldwide; Coca-Cola Phils. division president Alex von Behr; Nestlé Phils. chair and CEO Nandu Nandkishore; and Lars Olofsson, Nestlé SA EVP

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo REALITY

ACROSS
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9 Swung about
14 "Don't panic!"
20 Pop singer Christina
21 "The Velvet Fog" Mel
22 Saudi —
23 Putting on a garment made of fir-tree leaves?
25 Boards, as a plane
26 — Moines
27 Concerning
28 Steals from
30 Bell sound
31 LI doubled
33 "— Three Lives" (old TV show)
35 Malice
37 Gourmet mushroom
38 List of available food fish?
41 Time the star of "Mogambo"?
43 Mrs. — cow
44 Sit tight
46 Singer Eartha
47 List of candidates
48 — -mell (confusedly)
49 Skin care brand
51 Prone
54 Liver stuff
55 Penniless
57 Elks' hall doubling as a residence?
61 With 84-Down, recruit's response
62 Onetime Georgia Congressman Bob
63 De Mille of dance
64 Handles roughly
65 Ridicule an event?
68 Comment
71 Major artery
72 Revolvers
73 Gearwheel part
76 Essential piece of cookware?
78 Young socialites
79 Cab cost
80 Alternative to .com or .org
81 Besides that
82 Woolly females
84 Sarandon of the screen
85 "Just say — drugs"
87 Go crazy
88 Moronic
90 Result of trauma to a big cat?
95 Stolen cellos and violins?
97 Marbled stone
98 "For want of —, the shoe was lost"
100 Burn the surface of
101 Iowa college since 1851
102 Rudely brief
103 Takes advantage of
104 Low-pH liquid
106 Broke a fast
108 Dining room fixtures
110 Odin, in ancient Scandinavia?
116 Sea arms
117 Fliers flap them
118 Move like a hula dancer
119 "Et tu, Brute?" speaker
120 Genesis
121 Massive extinct mammal

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6 Population statistic
7 Work unit
8 Writer Defoe
9 Suffix with team or mob
10 Rich veins
11 Online address
12 Chef Lagasse
13 Classic Chrysler
14 Satchels
15 Poetic "before"
16 Single-sailed vessel
17 Soak up
18 Singer Richie
19 Mar badly
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29 Signal with a gesture
31 Dog like Lassie
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87 Enjoy a snowy slope
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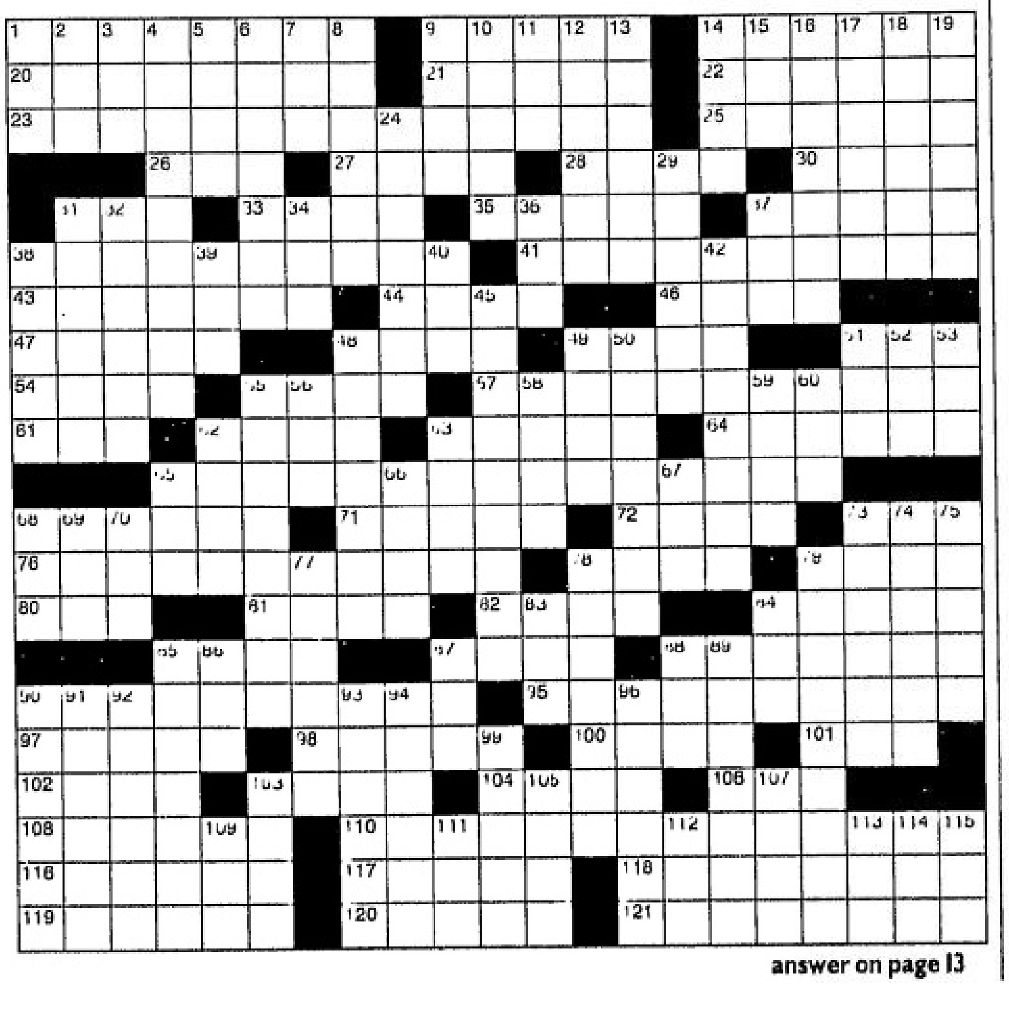

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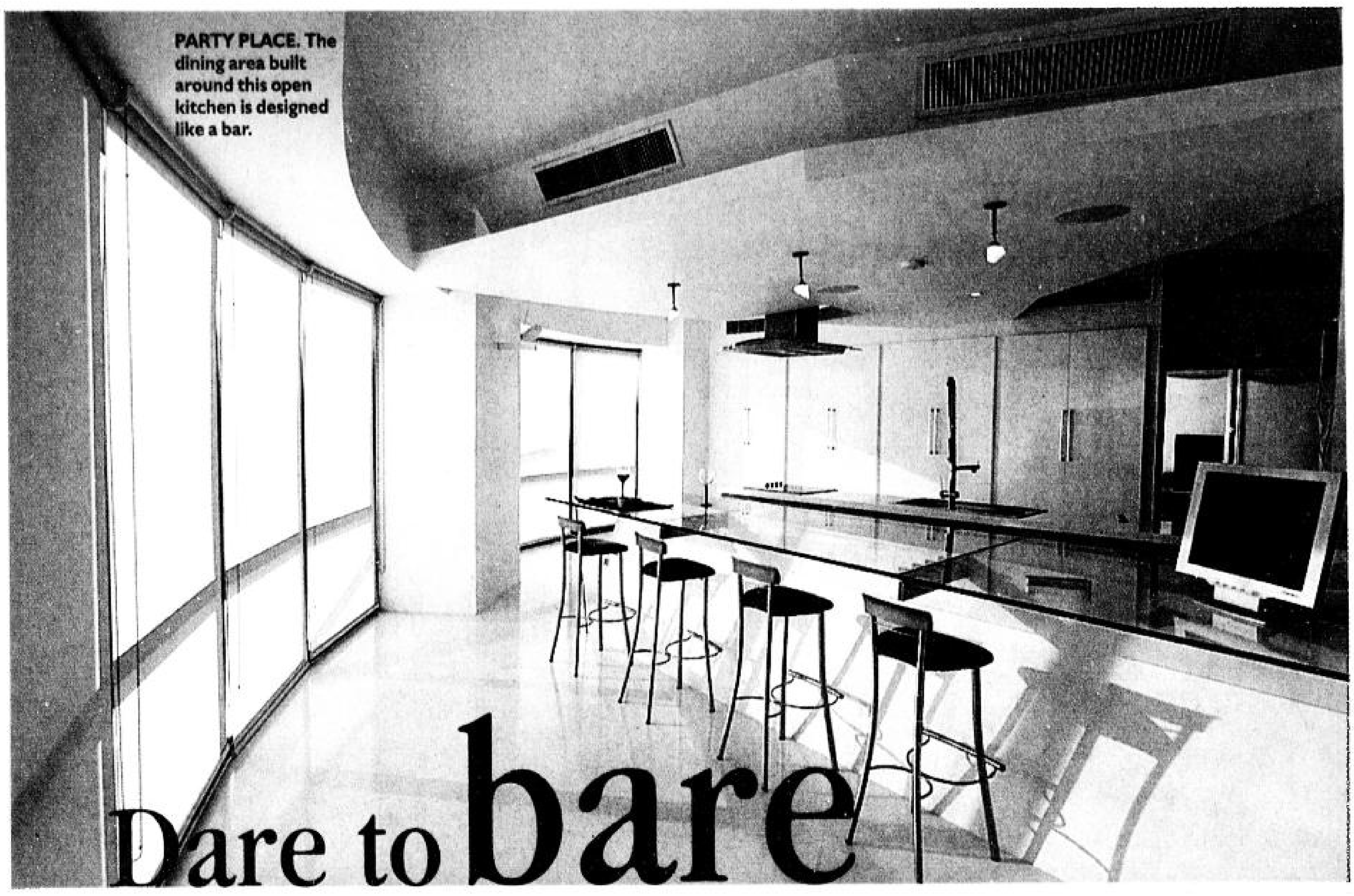

PARTY PLACE. The dining area built around this open kitchen is designed like a bar.

Dare to bare

ALL AT MINIMUM. A health buff, Uli is vegetarian and, despite his rigid fitness regimen, can sometimes subsist only on an organic tomato or two, as long as they are juicy and sweet and plump enough.

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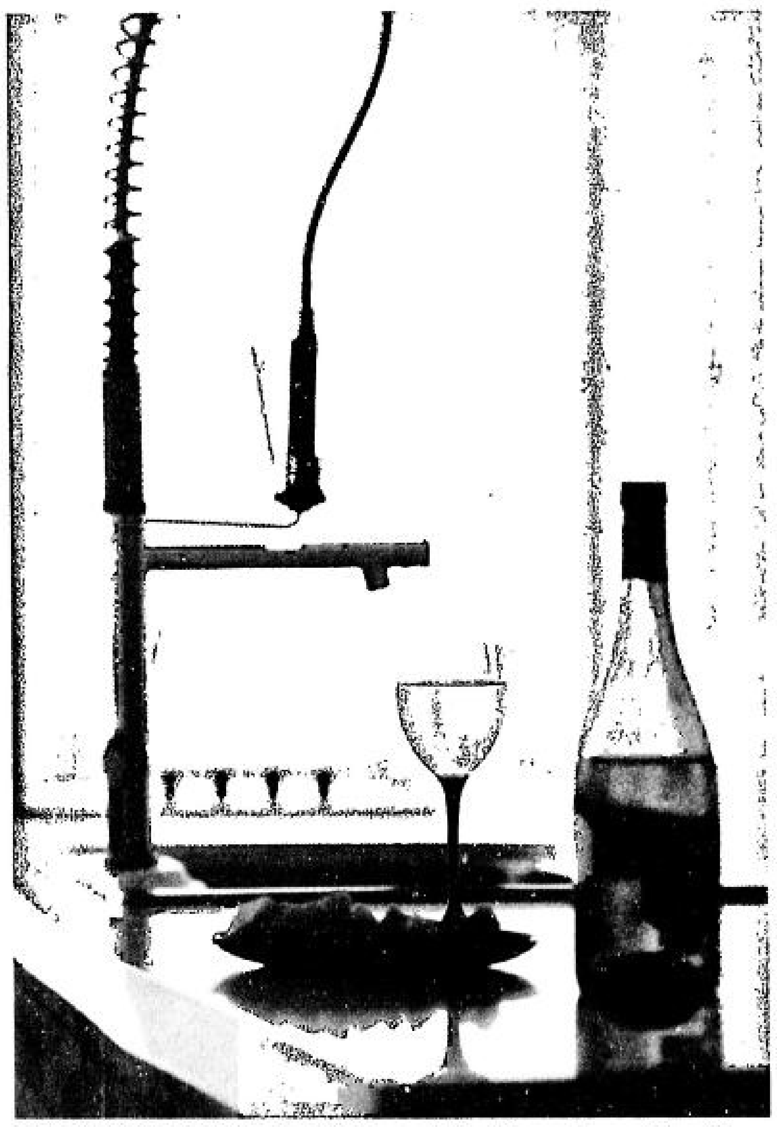
slant the walls, which, according to Behringer, "breaks the static of square."

Intelligent home

Technology is an indispensable component in Behringer's space. Thanks to the system installed by US company Creston, all functions in his fully automated home, such as lighting, sound, air-conditioning, even the blinds, are either conveniently and remotely controlled or "intelligent" enough to anticipate the needs of the homeowner. To turn on the lights in a room, for instance, one only has to enter it. As the television screen lights up, the blinds are drawn and the lights dim. Convenience, indeed, is a necessity that cannot be compromised Behringer's life.



THE DINING AREA is where Uli entertains his guests, mostly with Japanese food and a great dose of fun.

"I think it's all out of self-preservation instinct," he explains. "I've decided to lead a life that would allow me to stay healthy and less harassed and keep my batteries charged, despite the pressure of work and the lack of sleep."

Outside of home, after all, is a hurly burly of too many things, particularly on the career front. A workaholic and a visionary, Behringer moved his company's sourcing and manufacturing arm to Asia at least a decade before other industry leaders in Europe and America saw the need to do so. He now has to be in too many places at once, within and beyond his company's growing network of 125 countries and five continents.

Life became even more of a commotion when Behringer moved to Hong Kong in 1997 to set up operations in China. The time difference had him working until the wee hours of the morning to keep up with his design offices in Germany.

"The years I spent in Hong Kong and China were the most exhausting time of my life," recalls Behringer, who found solace only in the company of Filipino friends during his Sunday jazz-jamming sessions at the Captain's Bar of the Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong or the Champagne Bar at Hyatt.

It was only a matter of time before he decided to make Manila his home in the East, where his business required him to be. "I developed such great admiration for the musical talents and the fun-loving nature of the Filipinos that it became natural for me to move to the Philippines," Behringer muses.

In Manila, indeed, at least at home, Behringer may have found what he is looking for—"a life that is free from restrictions, a life that is not confining," as expressed in his personal space that is open enough to let in the views of Manila, still soul-stirring and breathtaking from a distance.

Viewed from the whirlpool in his bathroom, for instance, Pasig River appears to snake its way through the landscape in as graceful a manner as the Seine or the Singapore River.

Soul space

In his home of bare stone, clear glass and streamlined steel, where the blinders do not completely shut out the sun, light and roominess provide Behringer with the balance he yearns for.

"I like this house at all times of the day. Sunlight naturally wakes me up every morning," he beams. "At night, it is awesome! Sitting at the piano or on the balcony after dark to watch the scenery just blows your mind."

Having fallen in love with the Philippines, which has allowed him to be a little more laidback and to at once enjoy life and stay focused on business, Behringer is building yet another home in Cebu. "It is beyond anything you have seen before," he beams.

Still, it is safe to assume this new home will have more room for light and air than anything else. After all, as Behringer says, "the older I get, the more minimalist I become."

To some, no doubt, Uli's idea of home appears too sterile or incomplete, but as he puts it, "a home is where you rest your soul." Indeed, being infinite, your soul deserves all that space.

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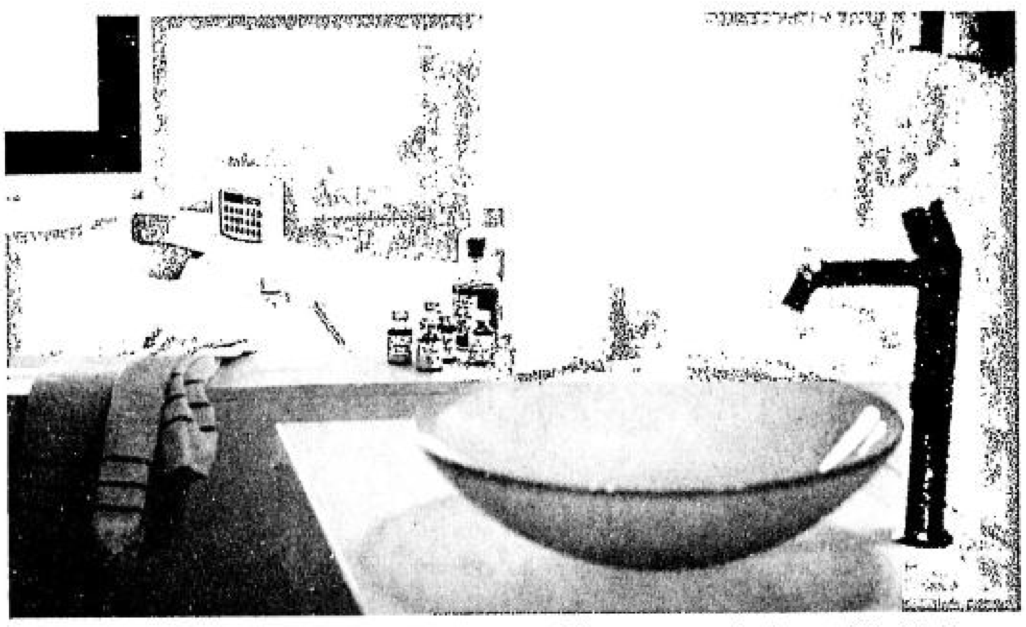
WORKAHOLIC. Even his sanctuary cannot keep out the demands of success. As founder and chair of Behringer, whose business presence is spanning more and more countries around the world, Uli has a healthy respect for work and makes room for it in this workstation.



PURE AND SIMPLE. The bathroom, like the rest of the apartment, is almost clinical in its simplicity, but its whirlpool view of the Pasig River, shimmering in the morning sun, is as cleansing and purifying as a body scrub.

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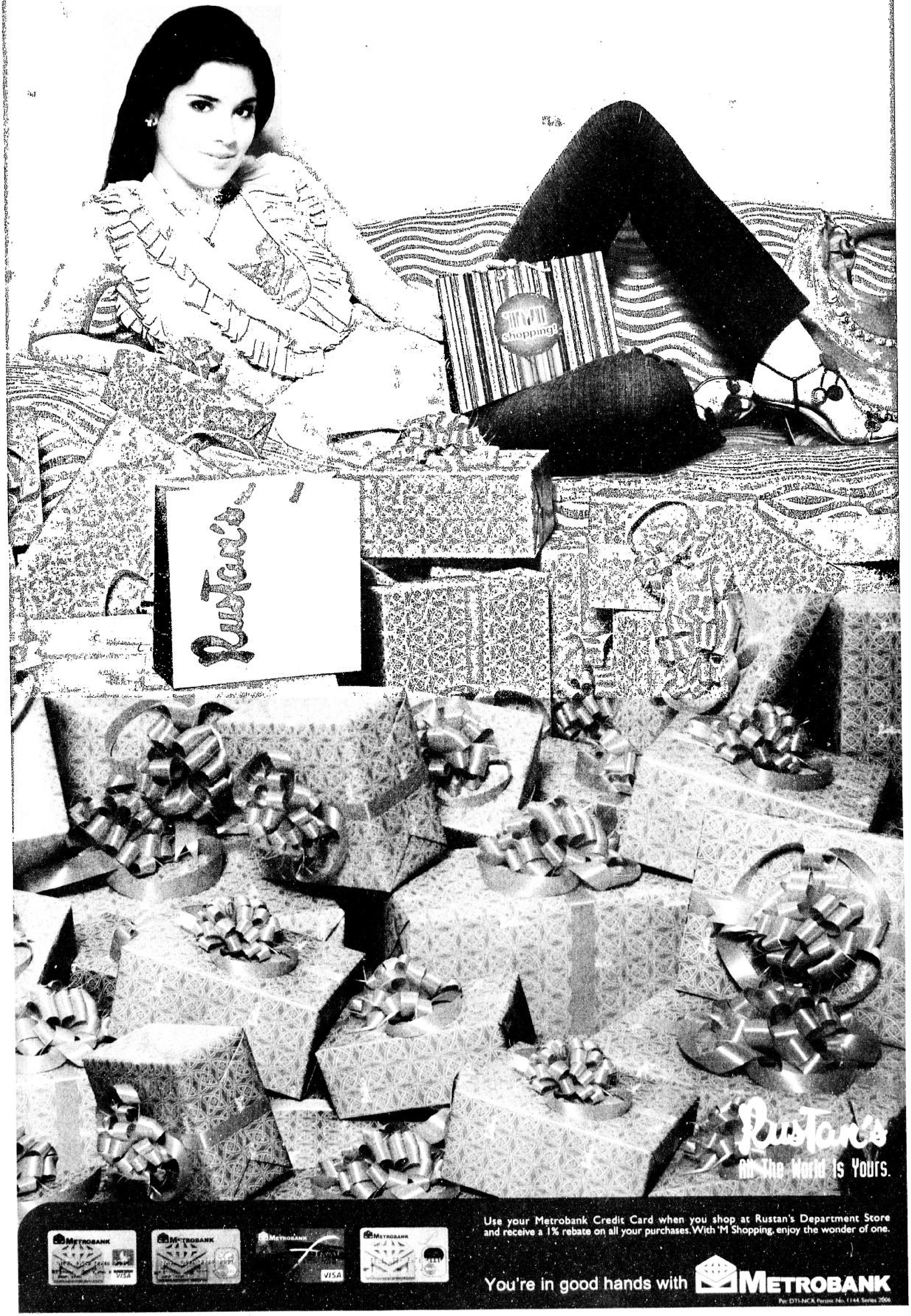

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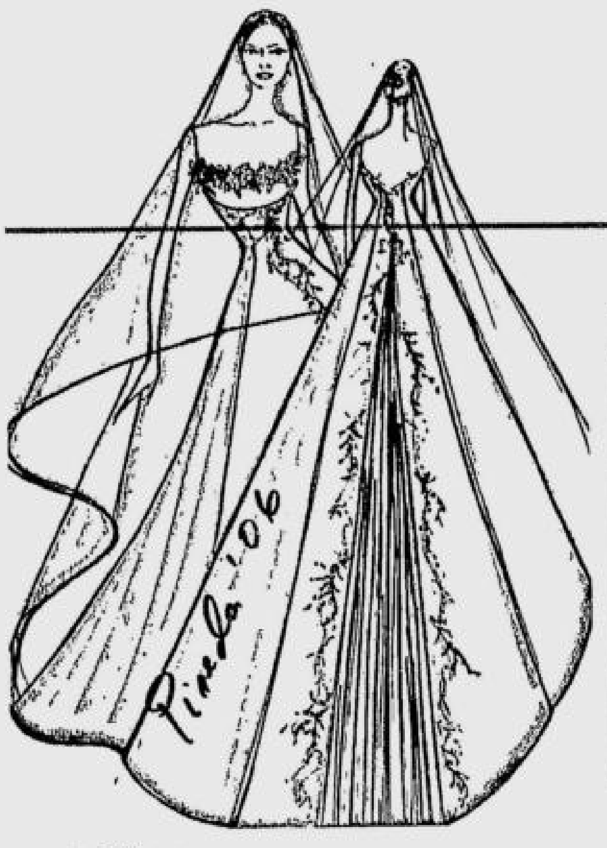

KATIGBAK-BAUTISTA

Chen Bautista, daughter of **Eduardo** and **Rosalinda Bautista**, will walk down the aisle of the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on June 9, to exchange wedding vows with **Kenneth Katigbak**, son of **Nicos** and **Elizabeth Katigbak**. **Eric Pineda** designed the bride's gown using ivory bridal satin. The bodice has an empire-cut scoop neckline filled with handmade cabbage roses, crusted-plated petals and scattered with Swarovski crystals. The paneled skirt extends into a cathedral train with an insert of accordion-pleated honeycombed organza bordered by a vine and leaf beadwork pattern. A 10-meter train of double-width illusion tulle held by crystal pins completes the ensemble. Reception will follow at the Fernwood Gardens in QC.

Milestones

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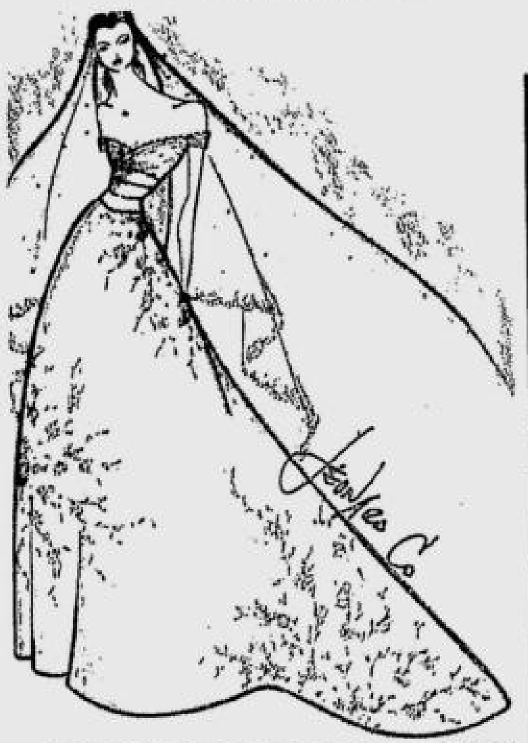
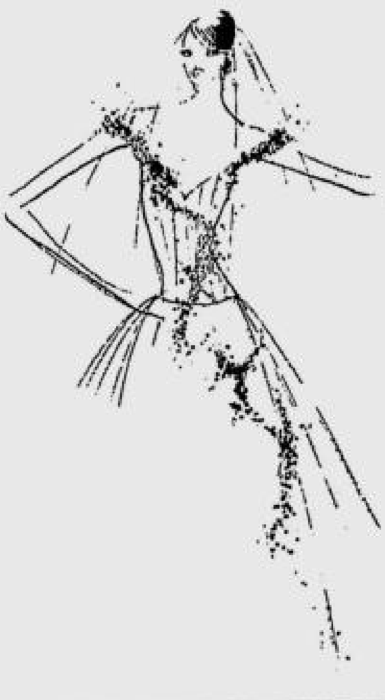
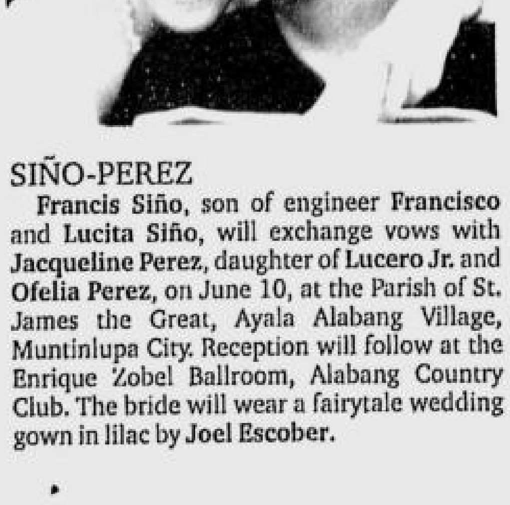


MARTINEZ-TAN

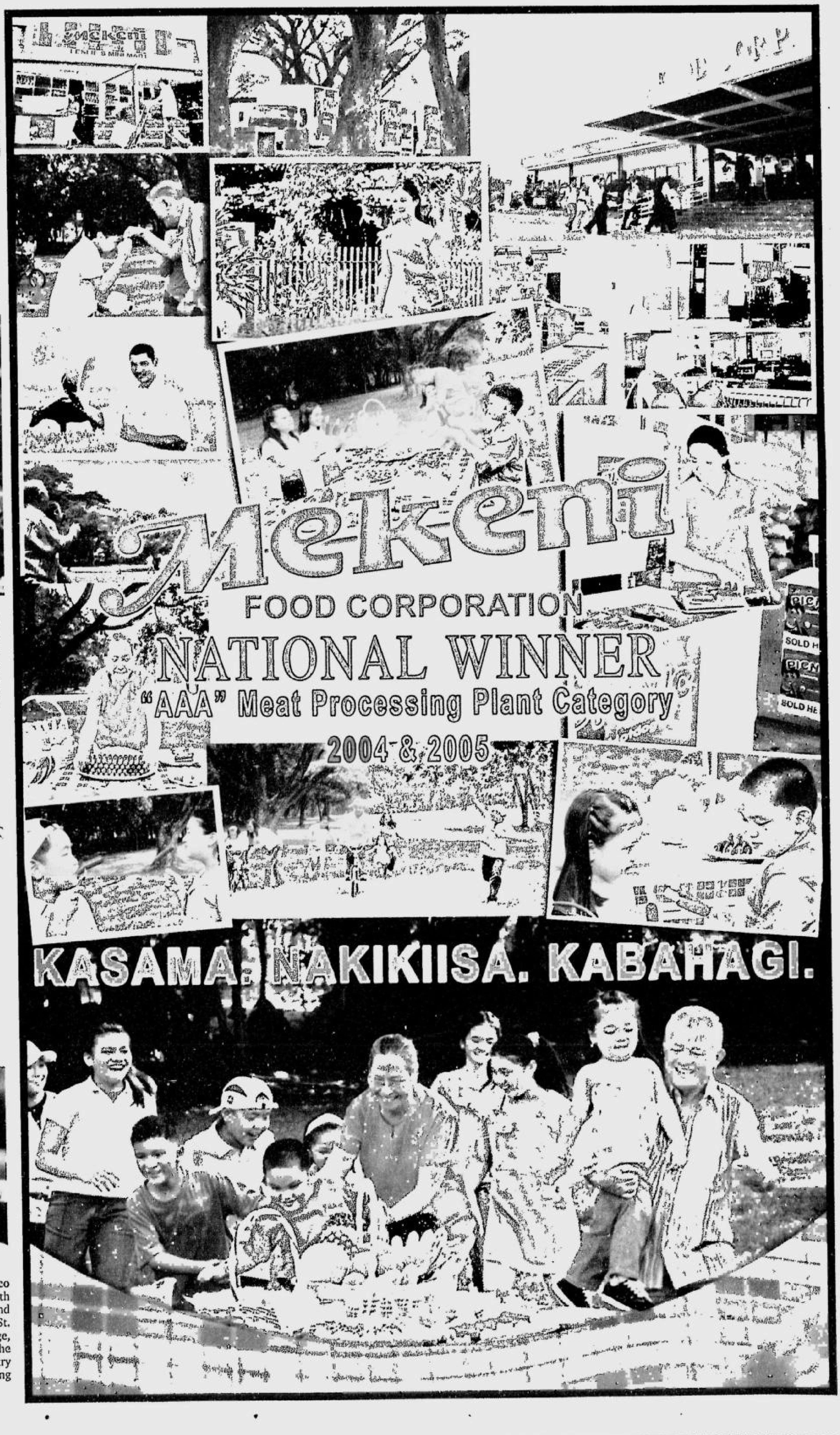
Steven Martinez, son of **Chua Chi Jo** and **Anita Ang Cha**, will exchange vows with Dr. **Juvy Tan**, daughter of **Venecio** and **Julia Tan**, today, at the New Millennium Evangelical Church. The bride will wear a white metallic organdy in fine handmade crushed top, bouffant skirt with pleated waist and cascading beadwork by **Leonard Co.**





SIÑO-PEREZ

Francis Siño, son of engineer **Francisco** and **Lucita Siño**, will exchange vows with **Jacqueline Perez**, daughter of **Lucero Jr.** and **Ofelia Perez**, on June 10, at the Parish of St. James the Great, Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa City. Reception will follow at the Enrique Zobel Ballroom, Alabang Country Club. The bride will wear a fairytale wedding gown in lilac by **Joel Escober**.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A wedding as grand as in the days of sugar barons

No expense was spared for the one-of-a-kind event of the year in Bacolod City, the Mapa-Ciocon wedding

Text by Maurice Arcache
Photos by Alex van Hagen

RIZA Lacson and mother Paz Lacson

GIRL Jimenez and Natalie Lacson

WILL they be next? Popular Sen. Mar Roxas with his ladylove, TV's Korina Sanchez

JOAN and Nil Dizon, with Alberto Arnaldo

ERNEST Villareal, Nonoy Cuaycong, Millie Kilayko and Tima Lacson; (seated) Undersecretary Waldo Flores, Chona Flores, Girl Cuaycong and Edith Villanueva

YOUNG, happy and so in love—pretty Marides Ciocon and her handsome husband JB Mapa

JOE Chan, Marxu Alonzo and Johnny Coscolluela

SEN. Manuel Villar and Undersecretary Marilou Frostrom

WELL, *PALANGGAS*, THE BEAUTIful city of Bacolod has not seen a grander wedding since the boom days of sugar in the 1960s. Towering palm trees surrounded the eye-catching altar that had tons of pristine white Colombian roses spilling from boxes wrapped in exotic foliage.

Loads of people who expected to be invited were not in the guest list. But then Negrense *alta sociedad* has evolved with unique dynamism through all these years, *palanggas*.

The invitees arrived—fashionably on time, mind you. One could hear sighs from the young and young at heart as they watched the good-looking **JB Mapa**, son of old wealth **Obette Mapa** and travel whiz **Genevieve de Leon**, take for his bride pretty and perky **Marides Ciocon**, daughter of mega fishing magnate and top Bacolod entrepreneur **Roseller Ciocon** and nice **Ditas Consing**.

They said their marriage vows, "Till death do us part," and ended that sentence with a romantic kiss, eliciting loud applause from the tons of chosen invitees, *palanggas*.

The cream of the lot, standing as the couple's principal sponsors, also applauded. They included President **Macapagal-Arroyo**, no less; popular Sen. **Manny Villar**; Sen. **Mar Roxas**; the vivacious heiress of the elegant five-star El Fisher Hotel (among other businesses) **Delia Ciocon Granada**; lawyer **Teofisto Ciocon** and **Gina Montelibano-Ciocon**; Rep. **Julio Ledesma IV** and **Raquel Ledesma**; **Manuel Consing** and **Marigene Araneta**; world traveler and social arbiter of the south **Edouard Garcia** and fun **Joan Dizon**; **Ramon Guanzon** and **Lina Lim**; **Bart Lacson** and super nice **Cecilia Mapa-Manalo**; **Nicanor Lizares** and **Analu Trebol**; **Edgar Sarrosa** and **Cecilia Colmenares**.

Twin events

A huge tent from The Fort was flown in for the thousand invitees that gathered for the grand reception in the sprawling lawn of the chi-chi Ciocon residence, dahlings. Since it was also the birthday of the late matriarch, **Doña Lourdes Concha Ciocon**, no expense was spared for this one-of-a-kind event of the year.

The pretty-as-a-picture bride was abloom in her gorgeous **Rajo Laurel** wedding gown, with the bodice wrapped in satin bias-ribbons dotted with sparkling crystal and ending in a swaying skirt with a pouf.

Precariously tall, elegant sterling silver candelabras holding crimson roses were table centerpieces. Tiffany chairs were made-to-order especially for this wedding.

Apres the speeches and the fun roasting part of the program, it was time for the upper set to let their elegant hairdos down and kick off their Manolos to really rock and roll, which they did, *palanggas*, till way past 3 a.m., a rarity by Bacolod standards.

But then, with the band of swinger **Ramon Jacinto** together with the Latin orchestra of **Mari Teves** dishing out the best sounds, one couldn't help but, sing "I could have danced all night," *palanggas*.

With the excellently prepared menu that included the most tender roast beef this side of Argentina and endlessly flowing champagne and liquor, the Bacolod crowd couldn't help but wax nostalgic about the good old days of wine and roses, *palanggas*.

Hey, JB and Marides, may your life together be a book of love forever after. Cheers, *palanggas*!

THE WOMEN wedding sponsors included Pinky Colmenares, Ana Lou Trebol, Raquel Ledesma, Joan Dizon, Lina Lim, Cecilia Manalo, Delia Granada, Undersecretary Marilou Frostrom, Gina Ciocon and Marigene Araneta; and the men were Bart Lacson, Edouard Garcia, Danny Lizares, Edgar Sarrosa, Sen. Manuel Villar, Sen. Mar Roxas, Ramon Guanzon, lawyer Teofisto Ciocon, Ramon Mapa and Manuel Consing

FR. ERNO Diaz (center) with Geraldine Osias, Delia Mabeza, assistant dean Reiner Suva, Sonia Atabug and Bubbles Villafuerte

New York fund-raising concert features pianist Sunico

Fr. Erno Diaz, director of the Filipino apostolate in the Archdiocese of New York, spearheads a fundraising campaign for the repair and renovation of the chapel of San Lorenzo Ruiz in Lower Manhattan

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

FILIPINOS IN NEW YORK AND other parts of the United States attended recently the concert by well-known pianist Raul Sunico at the Cathedral High School auditorium of the New York Catholic Center on East 56th St. in Manhattan.

The concert raised funds for the Chapel of San Lorenzo Ruiz.

Fr. Erno Diaz, director of the Filipino apostolate in the Archdiocese of New York, spearheads a fundraising campaign for the repair and renovation of the chapel that opened in September on Broome St. in Lower Manhattan.

The chapel for Filipinos is good news to those living in New York.

The Basilica of Our Lady of Piat in Cagayan Valley donated a replica image of the Virgin under this title through Msgr. Sam Bacculi. Zeny Abbriao of the Piat Legacy Foundation brought the image to New York.

Bobby Caballero, author of the coffee-table book on Our Lady of Piat, gave Zeny copies to sell to pay for the cost of shipping the image. Those who want to help can text 0917-8912825. The book is still available at PowerBooks.

Piat fiesta

The nine-day novena of Masses to celebrate the feast day of our Lady of Piat on July 2 begins on June 23 and ends July 1, 5 p.m., with a High Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Rudy Beltran.

Fiesta Masses will be held from 1 a.m. of July 2 and every hour thereafter until 12 noon. Msgr. Bacculi, rector and parish priest, said pilgrims from towns of Northern Luzon and as far south as Manila would start arriving July 1.

Those who cannot be accommodated at the Pilgrims' Inn sleep on blankets on the concrete pavement around the church.

REPLICA image of Our Lady of Piat now enthroned in Chapel of San Lorenzo Ruiz in New York

Feast day

The feast day of St. Mary Hannibal di Francia June 1 was marked by the temporary and perpetual profession of several Rogationist seminarians at the Father di Francia Center of Studies at Don José Green Court, Gatchalian Village in Parañaque.

The day before, the First Profession of nine students took place at the Chapel of St. Anthony's Village in Silang, Cavite.

Members of the Union of Prayer for Vocational Activity participated in the events.

For membership, call 8247383 or write to No. 1 Calcutta St., Merville Park, Parañaque City, or e-mail rogatecenter@rogationists.ph.

Exhibit

"3 is company," a painting exhibit and sale at Le Soufflé restaurant at the Rockwell Club, is ongoing until June 13. Fr. Armand Tangi, SSP, who became famous for his "Smiling Christ" painting, is raising funds for the construction of a seminary chapel in Silang, Cavite.

Fr. Paul Yntig, SSP, wants to help poor seminarians in the Society of St. Paul to become priests. Maribik Mapa Garcia wants to build a healing and formation center for the Bethesda Springs of Hope and Healing Ministry. Call 6330153.

Jessie Sincioco, chef of Le Soufflé, did an oil painting of a rose which was auctioned off. Rita Wong-Cruz of Balikbayan Handicraft submitted a P25,000 bid for it.

Prayer day

The Confraternity of Our Lady of All Nations will hold a day of prayer June 10 at the Archdiocesan Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Mandaluyong.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., the first Rosary at 8 a.m. Flags of 75 nations will be brought in before the Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales' Concelebrated Mass at 9 a.m. Fr. Dominador de Guzman, SSP, will give the first conference on Our Lady and on the first and greatest commandment.

Fr. Vicente Bauson will talk on "Living Love to the Extreme Brings Unity and Peace." The Eucharistic Adoration will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by the saying of the second Rosary and then Benediction. The public is invited.

Historic school

The historic Manila High School in Intramuros, alma mater of past Presidents José P. Laurel, Manuel Roxas and Elpidio Quirino, will have its Centennial Anniversary and alumni grand reunion at the Manila Hotel Centennial Ballroom at 6 p.m. June 16. Contact Beng Manalang at 0918-9030791 or e-mail beng_manalang@yahoo.com.

400 years

Cardinal Rosales has declared May 31-June 1, 2007, Jubilee Year of the Black Nazarene. A solemn Pontifical Mass at 6 p.m. May 31 in Quiapo Church formally launched the year-long celebration.

In his decree, Cardinal Rosales recalled that the life-size Black Nazarene was brought to the Philippines from Mexico in 1606 by the first group of Augustinian Recollect missionaries.

The image was enshrined at the first Recollect church in Bagumbayan (now part of Rizal Park) under the patronage of St. John the Baptist.

In 1608, the image was transferred to a bigger Recollect church inside the Walled City, where the Manila Bulletin building now stands. It was ordered moved to Quiapo Church sometime between 1767 and 1790 by the then Manila Archbishop Basilio Sancho de Santas Justa y Rufina.

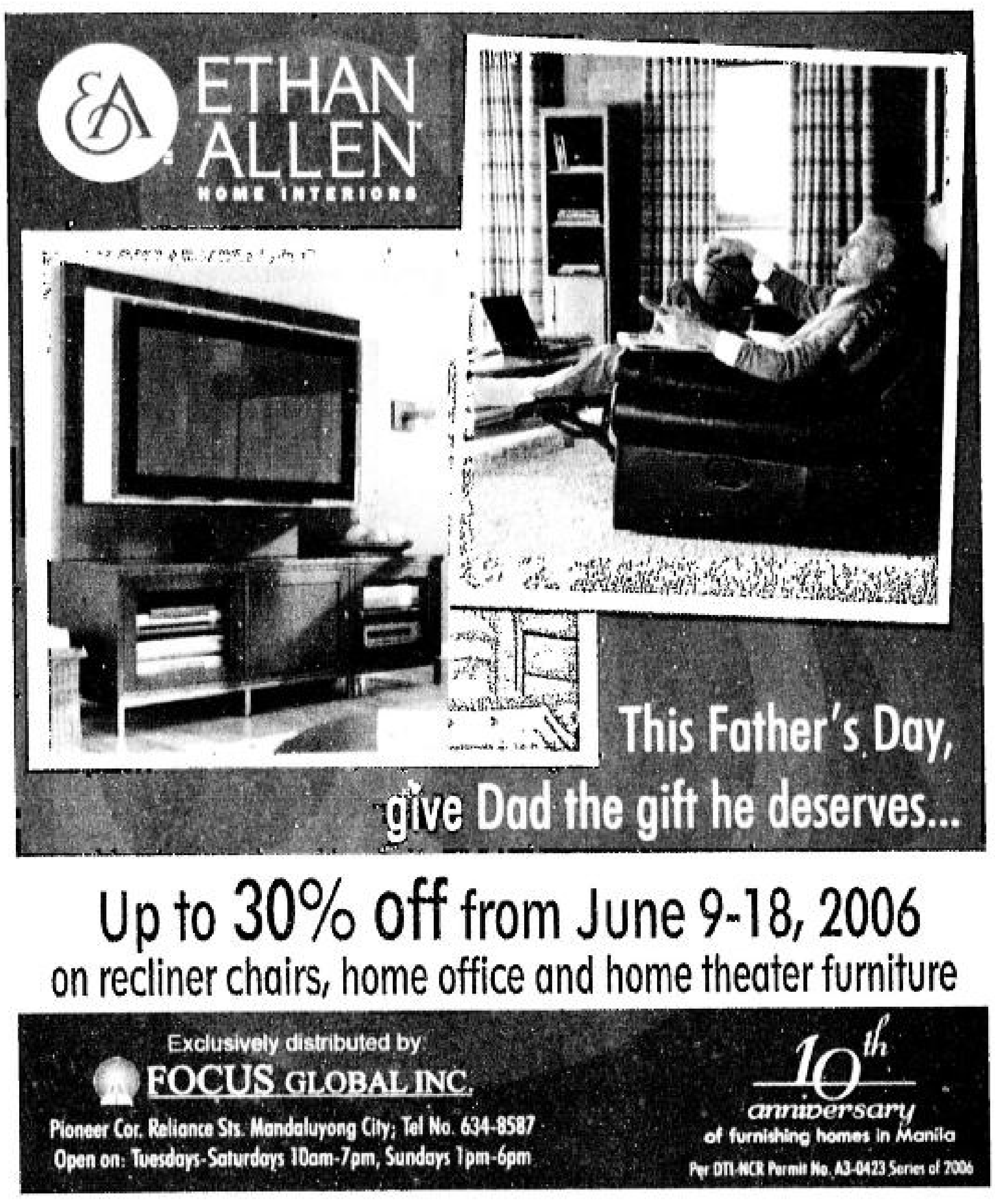
In Quiapo, the devotion to the Black Nazarene grew, its popularity spreading to the northern and southern provinces of Luzon and eventually throughout the country. The annual Jan. 9 procession of the Black Nazarene attracts many men who want to fulfill a *panata* or ask for a favor.

Cardinal Rosales said the Philippine Church had petitioned Pope Benedict XVI to allow the canonical coronation of the 400-year-old image as highlight of the Jubilee celebration.

Msgr. Josefino S. Ramirez, vicar general and rector, has formed various committees to prepare for the centenary in the Archdiocese of Manila.

Perpetual vows

Five nuns will recite their perpetual vows before Archbishop Ramon Arguelles at 4 p.m., June 7, at the Convent of the Sisters of the Holy Face in Quiapo. They are Sisters Angelita Garcia, Rosemarie Bayang, Elvira Barruga, Olivia Edejer and Nilda Formaran.



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He's got mail

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

'I've talked to her on the phone thrice...' Now she says she's in love

DEAR EMILY,

I'm 53, married. She's 43, married. We've known each other around three weeks through the Internet and I've talked to her over the phone thrice. Now she is telling me she is in love. Is this possible, without seeing each other, electronically or otherwise? I would appreciate very much your advice.

JAY

Three weeks is the equivalent of 21 days, 504 hours, 30,240 minutes, and, if you factor in the nanoseconds, it will go on and on ad nauseum.

How did she fall in love? What seed of a thought did you plant in her mind the first minute you discovered each other on the Internet? How did she acquire the impetus that snowballed these thoughts into love?

My goodness! All that without even gazing into each other's eyes?

You ask if it is possible to fall in love knowing so little of each other.

Of course it is! Especially if you've zeroed in on a very lonely, bored, unhappy, devil-may-care, hungry-for-affection woman who has been so affected by the words you've pounded in the computer.

With a few nuances here and there, she was able to weave a whole tapestry of your "relationship" she is calling "love." How quickly she has spun lovely cotton-candy images with just honeyed words—in so short a time!

But, with only your letter to rely on, a word of caution to you before you get "trapped" in this "tunnel" you've just entered. Remember that you're both married. If there's no reason to rock the boat—don't!

Better not start anything at this early stage. At 53, this may seem very exciting to you. Don't think for a moment that you're the Tom Hanks to her Meg Ryan in your version of the movie "You've Got Mail!" Their antics were only wonderful because they're both available, if their story is translated into real life.

I know I am being a killjoy, depriving you of the joys of flirtation without borders! But human nature being what it is, you might start a conflagration you may not be able to control.

E-mail the author at emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph, Subject: Lifestyle, or send your letters to Inquirer. Listen to Ms. Marcelo co-host the program "Kalikasan Vigilante," 7:15-8:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, on dwBR 104.3 FM.

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Milestones

JUSAY-MAMALATEO

Joseph Anthony T. Jusay, son of **Perfecto** and **Bienvenida Jusay**, wed recently lawyer **Mary Joy B. Mamalateo**, daughter of lawyer **Victorino** and **Salvacion Mamalateo**, at the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Manila Metropolitan Cathedral. Reception was held at the Rizal Ballroom of Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

VILLANUEVA-ACHURRA

Michael D. Villanueva, son of **Delfin** and **Ederlinda Villanueva**, will marry **Antoinette V. Achurra**, daughter of **Antonio Achurra** and **Evelyn Fallorina**, on June 10 at the Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati. Reception will follow at the Garden Ballroom, Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Ortigas. The bride will wear an **Aureo Alonzo** creation.

BAUTISTA-ALINCASTRE

Dr. **Cesar Anthony "Jon" S. Bautista**, son of engineer **Cesar** and **Aurea** (†) **Bautista**, will wed **Maria Edessa "Beah" E. Alincastre**, daughter of architect **Frank** and **Evelyn Alincastre** of Malolos, Bulacan, on June 10, at St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, Quezon City. Reception will follow at Fernwood Gardens, QC.

DIZON GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Lawyer **Marcial** and **Natividad** Dizon marked their 50th wedding anniversary with a Thanksgiving Mass at the Santuario de San Antonio Church on Jan. 14 and a reception at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel ballroom. With the couple were their children Boom, Maris, Bobbit, Irene, Nanette and Jun.

TUBO SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Geneva and **Archibald Tubo**, who live in New York, returned recently to their homeland for a special event—their 25th wedding anniversary. The rites were held June 2 at the Silliman University Church in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental.

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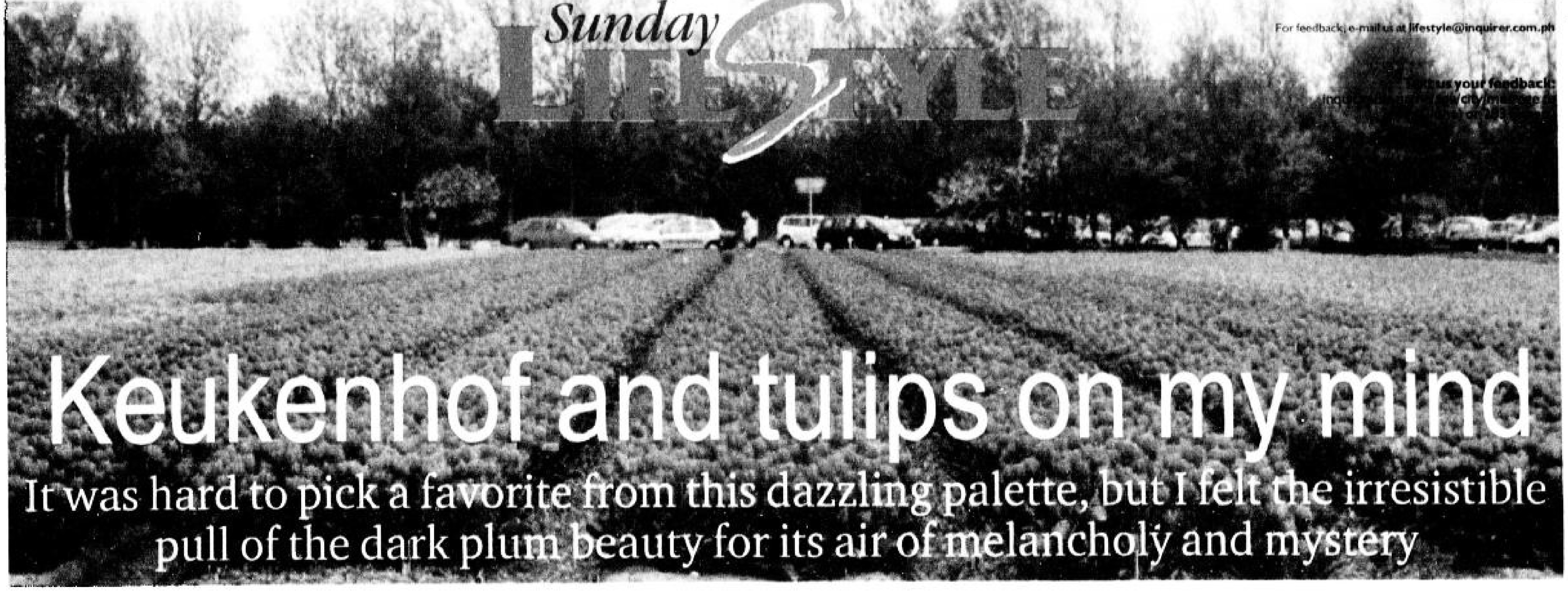

Keukenhof and tulips on my mind

It was hard to pick a favorite from this dazzling palette, but I felt the irresistible pull of the dark plum beauty for its air of melancholy and mystery

By Gina Ylaya
Contributor

MY OFFICEMATE, Donna, had warned me that the digital camera I would be using might run out of memory. Since this was not my camera to begin with, and I was assured by its owner that its memory capacity should see us through approximately 300 photos, I mentally filed the warning to, oh, No. 99 on my last-minute to-do list.

Three days into the first leg of the trip, my sight overloading on an exuberance of blooms, it became abundantly clear to me how prescient my friend was, and how shortsighted I was.

There we were at the entrance of the Keukenhof Garden, and my mother, the garden enthusiast, swooned—and without missing a beat, posed before the nearest bed of tulips. For the next four hours the thorniest problem was: which parts of the garden could I afford NOT to photograph. You think you have captured a stunning display, then you walk a little further and there is another one to rival the one you just saw. You think, okay, that's enough pink tulips to fill a small album, then just around the bend your breath catches at the sight of a shade of pink so delicate it is almost otherworldly.

In the planning, this day trip to Keukenhof was to be the centerpiece of our three days in Amsterdam. It became the rationale for scheduling our trip in late April, the reason for that frantic dash, in the middle of a sweltering afternoon, to an obscure shop in Parañaque to buy thick, warm coats a week before our departure. We were smack dab in spring chill and the fact that we had to bundle ourselves against the frigid air only heightened the pleasure.

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den showcases the most gorgeous tulips of the Netherlands and opens itself to visitors. Tulip exporters take part, each one displaying blooms of such jaw-dropping beauty, my friend, upon seeing the photos, remarked "*para silang* computer-generated."

While the garden displays other spring flowers (irises, hyacinths, daffodils and others whose identities are beyond my horticulturally challenged mind), the star of the show is the tulip.

On the Internet, the photos are spectacular, but these do not really prepare you for the real thing. There's the staggering color variety—the solid ones come in every imaginable shade of yellow, orange, pink, peach, red, white, purple. Then there are the hybrids—delicate peach with just a hint of a yellow stripe running down each petal; deep pink rimmed in white, evocative of a French manicure; fire-engine red with the subtlest trace of gold at the tips; maroon ones with a yellow inner core; and an entire bed of monochromatic pink ranging from almost-white to cotton-candy lusciousness.

Some of these two- to three-toned permutations, called "broken tulips," are of such exquisite delicacy, the fact that once upon a time these streaks on the petals were caused by a virus makes them even more intriguing.

I have since learned that in 17th-century Holland, at the height of tulipomania, virus-infected bulbs produced blooms of such capriciously unique color combinations that they became highly coveted possessions of Dutch nobility and traded like stocks, with a single rare bulb at one point commanding a sum equivalent to a house in Amsterdam!

It was hard to pick a favorite from this dazzling palette, but I felt the irresistible pull of the dark plum beauty for its air of melancholy and mystery. Photographed up close, its petals are of a satiny texture; an entire bed makes for a powerful counterpoint to the riot of cheeriness all over. Almost funereal, it stands out from the rest of the happy blooms. Were I given a small patch of this vast floral wonderland, I would stake out this spot, and this somber black baby, as mine.

SOME seven million bulbs cover the park's grounds.

Grand scale

Then there's the grand scale of this entire enterprise. According to the website www.keukenhof.com, this vast estate was owned by the Countess Jacoba van Beieren from 1401-1436. A portion used to be the countess' herb and vegetable garden, thus the name Keukenhof, meaning kitchen garden.

In the 1800s, the estate was developed by professional landscape architects, and in 1949 the mayor of Lisse and several bulb growers chose it as the site for annual flower exhibitions. The park covers an expanse of 32 hectares, planted to approximately 7 million bulbs every year by commercial growers. That's 32 ha of carefully designed space with wooded areas, spacious paths, a pond, a windmill with carillon, an indoor pavilion, several-themed pocket gardens devoted to, say, cherry blossom trees, and the usual restaurants and shops.

Whimsical sculptures dot the entire landscape—a frog, a cat, a young girl holding a bouquet to her chest, a wrought-iron chair in the shape of a kangaroo. At the fringes, we stumbled upon unexpected, delightful revelations—a maze, a fountain and a viewing deck to allow the best view of tulip fields in the outlying areas.

This area directly outside Keukenhof is as much a tourist magnet as the formal garden itself. Before the tour bus enters the park, it makes a brief stop beside tulip fields that, from our vantage point on the bus, look like gigantic strips of gloriously colored cloth that some divine hand spread on the land for our viewing pleasure.

Neat rows of flamboyant red, fragile pink and lavender, and radiant yellow stretch into the horizon. I viewed this from the fringes of Keukenhof, only a ditch with clean flowing water separating me from the fields. Other tourists take this all in, and much more of vistas such as this, biking through the bulb region.

On the 28th of April last year, some fields had already been harvested, but there were enough left over for us to get a notion of the very source of those outrageously priced floral arrangements we see at the mall (calling to mind 17th-century Holland's insane tulip prices).

Natural splendor

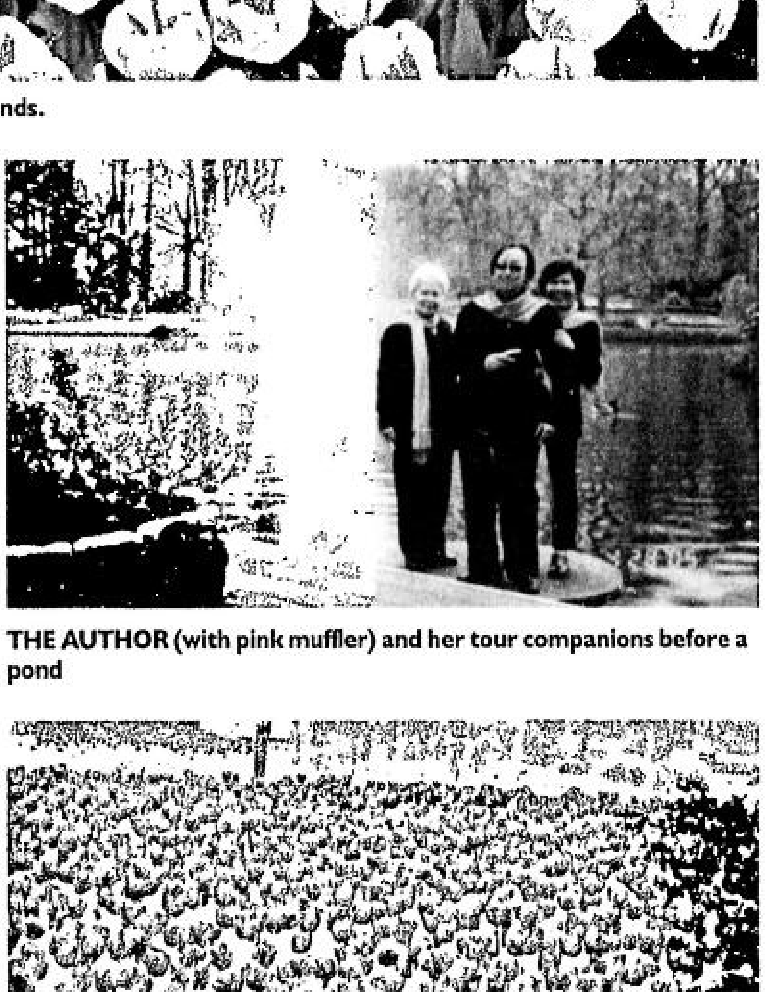
The ride itself, from Amsterdam to the town of Lisse, took less than an hour. Although there was a guide who kept a running commentary on interesting sights en route, at Keukenhof we were all left to explore the place on our own. Before boarding, my companions and I had purchased some bread at a bakeshop near our hostel along the Damrak and this was our picnic fare at one of the many benches in the garden.

Amid all that natural splendor, was there a better way to give our feet a brief respite from all that walking? There was no shortage of visitors streaming in the entire time we were there (I noticed a preponderance of the elderly, some in wheelchairs) yet we had no problem finding a spot all to ourselves.

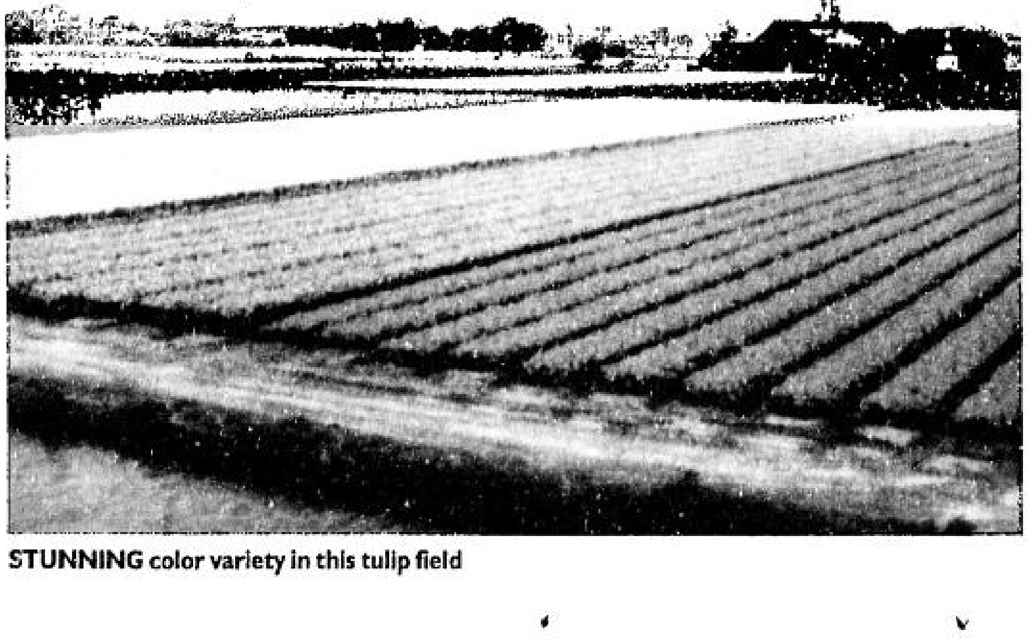
Toward late afternoon when human traffic started to dwindle, there was, about the place, a genteel hum of activity with an overlay of peacefulness.

A year after our trip, it is still hard not to think in clichés when recalling Keukenhof. One's mind automatically goes for "an embarrassment of riches," "a visual feast," "breathtaking beauty"—and none of it would be an exaggeration.

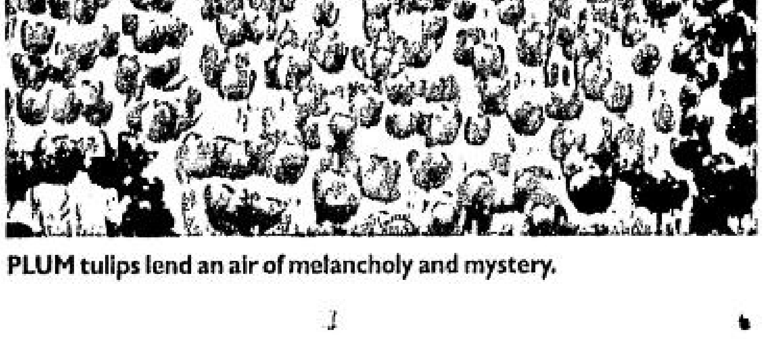
I came away feeling almost intoxicated. I realized I had witnessed a bravura performance. A bravura performance that was using up an obscene amount of the digital camera's memory. No matter. Keukenhof has certainly taken permanent residence in my memory where it is most welcome and easily retrieved at will.



THE AUTHOR (with pink muffler) and her tour companions before a pond



STUNNING color variety in this tulip field



PLUM tulips lend an air of melancholy and mystery.

TRAVELBRIEFS

Promo ends June 15

The Island-to-Island campaign that aims to promote both Singapore and Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro, as vacation hotspots, is ongoing until June 15.

The collaborative marketing and promotional effort by STB-P and the Puerto Galera government is part of the "Uniquely Singapore" marketing and promotional campaign of the Singapore Tourism Board-Philippine Office aimed at drawing more tourists to the island state.

In launching the joint initiative, Rocson Chang, area director for Philippines and Brunei, said Singaporeans and Filipinos had common passions—for food, fun and shopping.

Low-fare airline

Tiger Airways, Singapore's low-fare airline, launched recently its inaugural flight to China by flying to Guangzhou, then Haikou and Shenzhen.

The launch of Tiger Airways' China-Singapore flights is expected to give the tourism and hospitality industry of the two countries a boost.

China is the second largest inbound tourist source for Singapore.

Guangzhou is the capital of Guangdong province and is known as the "Spring City." It is also known as "Yang Cheng" or "Goat City" because of a legend that it was founded by Five Immortals riding five rams.

Tiger Airways serves 13 cities in seven countries (Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Macau SAR, the Philippines, Australia and Indonesia). The addition of Guangzhou, Haikou and Shenzhen, brings the total to 16 destinations.

Independence Day tour

Commemorate Philippine Independence Day with a one-of-a-kind tour of Batangas. Organized by Inscribe Tours, the day-long trip includes historical sights, sounds and flavors of the province, starting with the capital Batangas City.

Also in the itinerary is the heritage town of Taal with its well-preserved, stately mansions and the magnificent Basilica of St. Martin de Tours.

Afternoon *merienda* at the town's Casa Cecilia features *pinindot*, *empanadang* Taal, *sumang malagkit*, *bibingkang kanin*, *minatamis na saging* and *kapeng barako*.
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Largest rosary

Kawayan Cove, a 65-hectare exclusive seaside community in Nasugbu, Batangas, counts the world's largest rosary among its attractions.

The rosary that measures 57.29 meters was fashioned by the architectural firm Leandro V. Locsin Partners, in collaboration with landscape artist Ponce Veridiano. It is found in Meditation Point, one of twin promontories in Kawayan Cove.

The rosary is 4.39 meters larger than the 52.9-meter icon in St. Joseph School in Illinois, United States.

Meditation Point offers a 340-degree view of the South China Sea.

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FILIPINO FLIGHT ATTENDANTS
Thirteen Filipinos graduated recently from the Asiana Airlines Training Center for flight attendants in Seoul, Korea. They underwent two months of training in cabin operations and passenger care. They join nine Chinese, 16 Japanese and four Russian nationals in Asiana's cabin crew. Asiana Airlines Employee of the Year awardee, Filipino senior flight attendant Beige Tiongco, was class instructor. Photo shows Asiana Airlines regional manager-Philippines Tae-yup Kim with the class' honor graduates: Jane Lynn Sy, fifth; Concepcion Orbigoso, first; Kara Timan, third; and ManFlor Perez, fourth.

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Hallooo again, darling partyphiles! After a short hibernation period during the recent showers and thunderstorms, yours truly is back once again and all fired up to party! *Toute le monde* knows that none other than electronica maestro Chicane was in town last weekend for an encore of his 2002 sell-out performance... and what a rager it was, darlings!

With Addict Mobile and BIGFISH once again building the stage, they indeed came. And *ooh-la-la*, they came in droves! BIGFISH's set production *extraordinaire* complete with pyrotechnics did not disappoint, as expected. Heads were nodding, fists were pumping and decibel levels went ballistic from the moment BIGFISH resident DJ Kevin Ruiz hit the decks, creating the hair-raising feeling of euphoria which peaked just as Nick Bracegirdle, a.k.a. Chicane, came on stage prêt-a-*party* with two vocalists, two percussionists and two guitarists, darlings! And so the show went on as hits like "Saltwater", "Don't Give It Up", "No Ordinary Morning" and his most recent smash "Stoned In Love" were dished out while *moi* and my darling partyphiles in the house reciprocated with uncensored, uninhibited adoration!

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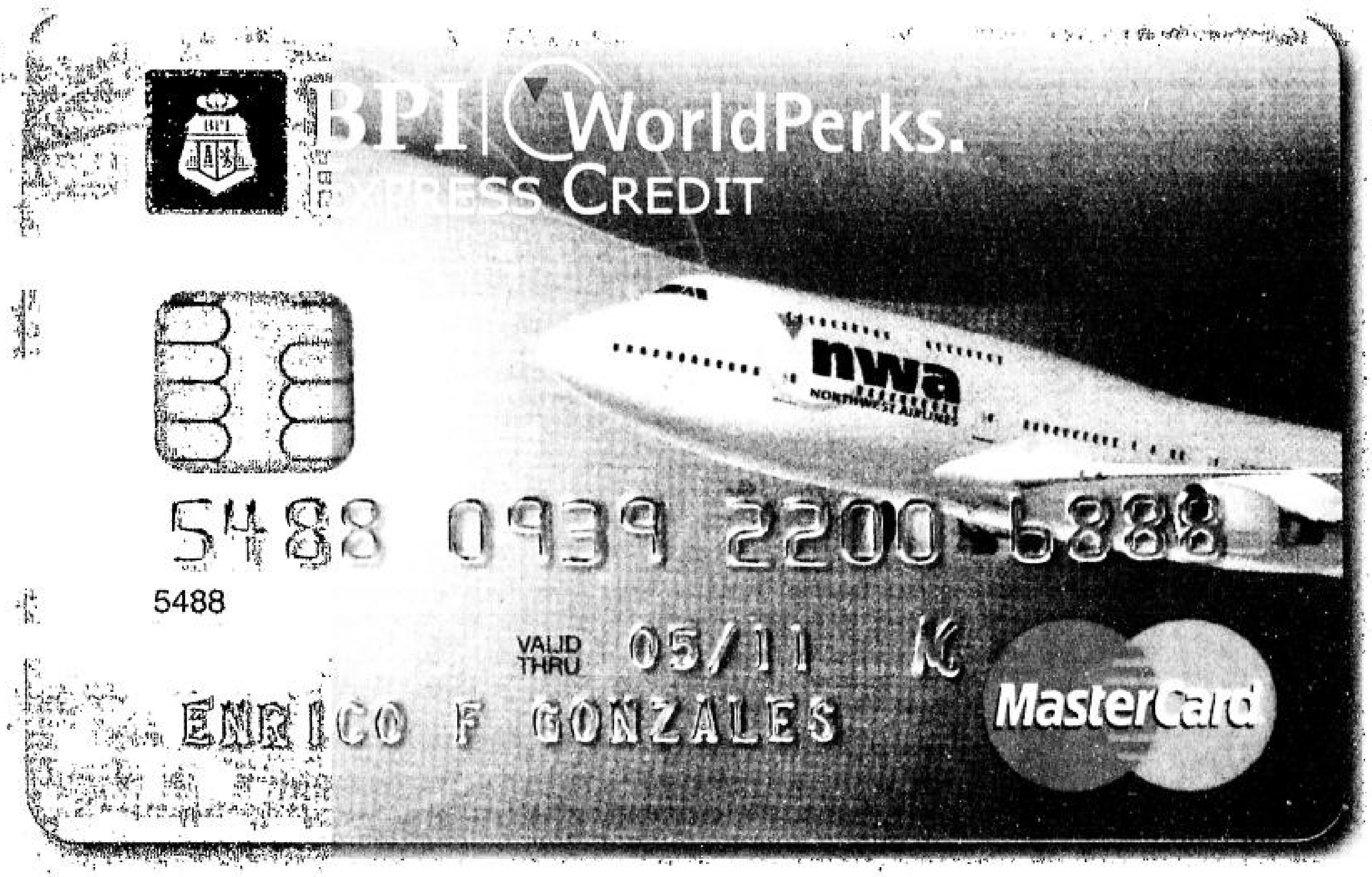
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TELEFAX No. 929-3759

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN JANITORIAL AND ALLIED SERVICES FOR CY 2006-2007

The **OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN**, through its continuing appropriation, intends to apply the sum of **NINETEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php 19,500,000.00)** for the **Office of the Ombudsman Janitorial and Allied Services Requirement for CY 2006-2007**, being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC). Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid Opening.

The **OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN** now invites sealed Bids from eligible bidders for said services requirement. Delivery of the goods/services is required within the period as prescribed in the bidding documents. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, **ITB**.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, **ITB**. The bidder/s with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. In case two (2) or more bidders tie in the financial proposals, and are eventually found to be equally post-qualified, "drawing of lots" shall be resorted to as the tie-breaking method in accordance with GPPB Circular No. 06-2005. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lone **Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB)** determined after Post Qualification, or after the drawing of lots in case of tie.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, inspect and/or purchase the Bidding Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php 20,000.00)** at the address given below beginning **JUNE 20, 2006**, from **8:00 a.m.** to **5:00 p.m.** daily.

The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective bidder or his authorized representative.

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on **JULY 11, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.** All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of Cash, Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Manager's Check and in an amount not less than the amount provided hereunder:

FORM OF SECURITY	MINIMUM AMOUNT OF % OF ABC TO BE BID
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2. Bank Guarantee	One and half percent (1½%)
3. Surety Bond (GSIS only)	Two and a half percent (2½%)

SCHEDULE OF BIDDING ACTIVITIES

1. Pre-bid Conference	20 June 2006 @ 10:00 AM BAC Secretariat, GSD Office of the Ombudsman Building, Q.C.
2. Issuance of Bid and Eligibility Documents	20 June 2006 BAC Secretariat, GSD Office of the Ombudsman Building, Q.C.
3. Deadline of submission of Eligibility Documents & Bids	11 July 2006 @ 9:00 AM BAC Secretariat, GSD Office of the Ombudsman Building, Q.C.
4. Opening of Bids	11 July 2006 @ 10:00 AM BAC Secretariat, GSD Office of the Ombudsman Building, Q.C.

The **OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN** reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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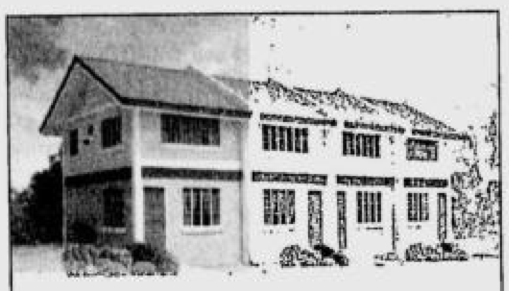

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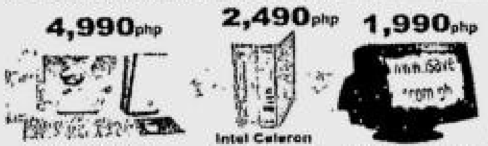

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE 41st and 42nd IATSS FORUM

The Philippine National Committee for the International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences (IATSS) Forum is extending the deadline of its applications for the 41st and 42nd IATSS Forums to be held in Suzuka, Japan from April to June and September to November 2007.

The Forum aims to provide the participants from ASEAN countries with a broader perspective and understanding of the role of science, technology and culture of Japan and the developments in ASEAN countries.

The IATSS Forum is open to Filipino men and women who are not more than thirty five (35) years of age at the time of application. They may come from any executive or legislative branch of government with at least 2 years professional experience and are involved in policy formulation and planning work, or they may come from the academic and private sectors. Applicants from any field of activity/specialization are welcome.

Interested applicants may apply to:

Undersecretary Fortunato T. de la Peña, Chairman
IATSS Forum Philippine National Committee
c/o Department of Science and Technology
General Santos Avenue, Bicutan, Taguig City

or please contact Ms. Corly Canilao, Secretariat, at telefax no. 837-2945 or send your inquiries at ftdp@dost.gov.ph or corly@dost.gov.ph and visit: http://www.iatssforum.jp/english/application.html, for the downloadable application form and http://www.dost.gov.ph for the IATSS Forum announcement on the Internet and its qualification requirements.

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June 2, 2006

INVITATION TO BID

PAMPANGA II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (PELCO II) WITH OFFICE ADDRESS AT SAN ROQUE, GUAGUA, PAMPANGA IS INVITING INTERESTED BIDDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERIES ON THE FOLLOWING PACKAGES:

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LATE SUBMISSION OF BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE PBAC HAS THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS, WAIVE ANY INFORMALITY IN THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED AND TO ACCEPT SUCH MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE COOPERATIVE

(Sgd.) Engr. **RAUL L. CANLAS**
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Nomenclature	Location	Date/Time		Price of Application Form
		Pre-Bid Conference	Deadline for Submission/ Opening of Bids	
Lot 1 Unserviceable Assorted Equipment and Machineries **(WMR-PN-008-05)**	Naval Logistics Center, FSF, Cavite City	9:00 AM June 07, 2006 (Wednesday)	9:00 AM June 14, 2006 (Wednesday)	**Php 500.00**
Lot 2 Assorted Scrap Iron Consisting: ICE, GSM, Electrical/Electronics Spare parts **(WMR-PN-009-05)**	Naval Logistics Center FSF, Cavite City			**Php 500.00**
Lot 3 Unuseable/Used Oil (Approximately 39,480 ltrs) **(WMR-PN-004-05)**	Naval Petroleum Depot Sangley Pt., Cavite City			**Php 500.00**
Lot 4 Fishing Boat (FB-1503) **(WMR-PN-010-04)**	Back of HNSSC, FSF, Cavite City			**Php 500.00**
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Lot 6 One (1) unit Unserviceable Small Craft: FB Calypso **(WMR-PN-012-05)**	Back of HNSSC, FSF Cavite City			**Php 500.00**
Lot 7 Ex-BRP Catanduanes (PG-62) **(WMR-PN-006-03)**	Back of HNSSC, FSF Cavite City			**Php 500.00**
Lot 8 Two (2) units Unserviceable Small Craft: LCM-281/LCM-279 **(WMR-PN-009-03)**	Back of HNSSC, FSF Cavite City			**Php 500.00**

All interested proponents are advised to attend the Pre-Bid meeting on June 07, 2006 aboard Multi-Purpose Hall, Naval Sea System Command (NASSCOM), Fort San Felipe, Cavite City.

For other particulars, please contact the Secretariat, Philippine Navy Disposal Committee (PNDC) at Naval Logistics Center, Fort San Felipe, Cavite City or call (046) 431-0204.

FOR THE CHAIRMAN, PNDC

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1. The *NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION, South Luzon Operation and Maintenance* (TRANSCO-SLOM) through the *2006 Corporate Budget approved by the TransCo Board* intends to apply the sum as indicated below being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the following Purchase Requisitions (PR). Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

BID SCHEDULE	PR NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	APPROVED BUDGET
DATE OF BIDDING: June 21, 2006 / 1:30 PM **PRE-BID CONFERENCE: June 9, 2006 / 1:30 PM**				
A4	DIST-1-06-19538	Pole, Wood Creosoted & 3 others (70, 65, 60, 55 ft.)	58 pcs	Php 3,927,150.00
A5	3CAV-06-17555	Supply of Materials, labor, equipment, tools, expertise & supervision for the regasketing and leak corrections of 50MVA Power Transformer at Dasma S/S	1 lot	Php 2,500,000.00
DATE OF BIDDING: June 22, 2006 / 9:00 AM **PRE-BID CONFERENCE: June 9, 2006 / 1:30 PM**				
B10	PSMD-S-06-17040	Transformer Oil Filtering Machine	1 set	Php 6,000,000.00

2. The *TRANSCO-SLOM* now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the aforementioned Bid Schedules. Delivery schedule of the GOODS shall be in accordance with the bid documents. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Materials Management Services, TransCo-SLOM and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 NN and 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. from Monday to Friday.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from May 31, 2006 to June 20, 2006 at the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of *Php500.00 minimum, or 0.01% of the ABC whichever is higher per bidding schedule*. The method of payment will be Cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
6. TransCo-SLOM will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on June 9, 2006 at 1:30 P.M. at the OAVP Conference Room.
7. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on the date and time stated above. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in any of the forms indicated in Section III Bid Data Sheet of the bid documents, in Philippine Pesos or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted.
8. Bid opening shall be on the date and time stated above at the OAVP Conference Room. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
9. The *National Transmission Corporation-South Luzon Operations and Maintenance* reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

National Transmission Corporation, South Luzon Operation & Maintenance
Engr. Ruben G. Castuera, BAC Chairman
San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna
Telefax No. (632) 520-6776
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The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) invites all interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for the provision of building security services for DTI and its attached agencies for a period of one (1) year, with an approved budget of Thirty-one million pesos (Php 31,000,000.00).

Bid documents will be available for issuance starting 29 May 2006 until 5 P.M. of 13 June 2006 during office hours at the Supply Section, General Administrative Service, Ground Floor, Trade & Industry Building, 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City c/o Mr. Claudio H. Averilla, with telephone number 751-4996, after paying a non-refundable fee of Thirty-one thousand pesos (Php 31,000.00). A pre-bid conference will be held on 13 June 2006, 9:30 A.M. at the Center Conference Room, 6th Floor, Trade & Industry Building, 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

Deadline for the submission of the eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposals, and the opening of bids will be on 26 June 2006, 9:30 A.M. at the Center Conference Room, 6th Floor, Trade & Industry Building, 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City. The DTI Bids and Awards Committee will not entertain late bidders.

The DTI reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any minor defect therein, and accept the offer most advantageous to the government. The DTI assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

(Sgd.) **MA. LOURDES T. BAUA**
Assistant Secretary
Chairperson DTI Bids and Awards Committee

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

ITB NO.: 05-16-2006 VIS

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites Private Security Agencies (PSA) to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project : One (1) lot Private Security Agency (PSA) Services for Casino Filipino VISMIN Branches

Manpower Requirement:

Location/Branch	Current requirement of SGs / LGs	Max. no. of SGs / LGs required
Bacolod	6 (SG – 3 / LG - 3)	17 (SG – 14 / LG – 3)
Cebu	22 (SG – 16 / LG – 6)	34 (SG – 26 / LG – 8)
Mactan	14 (SG – 8 / LG - 6)	24 (SG – 18 / LG – 6)
Davao	9 (SG – 5 / LG – 4)	26 (SG – 18 / LG – 8)
TOTAL NUMBER OF SG/LG	51	101

Approved Budget : Twenty Five Million Five Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five & 40/100 Pesos (Php 25,538,975.40)

Contract Duration : Two (2) years

Source of Fund : Internally Funded

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila., Tel. No. 526-0573.

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/ Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Pre-Bid Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	May 26, 2006 – June 15, 2006
2. Pre-Bid Conference	June 2, 2006 (2 pm)
3. Submission of Bids	June 16, 2006 (2 pm)
4. Opening of Bids	June 16, 2006 (2 pm onwards)

Bid documents will be available to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of ***Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine & 48/100 Pesos (Php 12,769.48)***. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BBAC Secretariat Unit, Casino Filipino – Cebu.

PAGCOR assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

PAGCOR reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

Please address all communications to the Branch Bids and Awards Committee, Casino Filipino – Cebu.

(Sgd) NILO C. OMOLON
Chairperson Joint BBAC VISMIN

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

ITB NO.: 05-15-2006

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers / manufacturers / distributors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project : Supply & Delivery of 14K Memento Rings

	Quantity	Specifications
Male	1,060 pcs.	14k Yellow gold rhodium plating in white gold; 10 gms.; packaged in individual jewelry box
Female	77 pcs.	14k Yellow gold rhodium plating in white gold; 7 gms.; packaged in individual jewelry box

Approved Budget : Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty & 00/100 Pesos (Php 13,948,750.00)

Source of Fund : Internally Funded

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila., Tel. No. 526-0573.

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The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	May 26, 2006 June 16, 2006
2. Pre-Bid Conference	June 6, 2006 (2 pm)
3. Submission of Bids	June 19, 2006 (2 pm)
4. Opening of Bids	June 19, 2006 (2 pm onwards)

Bid documents will be available to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of ***Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four & 37/100 Pesos (Php 6,974.37)***. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretariat Unit - Procurement and Property Department, 2nd Flr. PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila..

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Pag-IBIG 1Q net income jumps 16% at P2.2 B

THE PAG-IBIG FUND, THE BIGgest financier of the government's housing program, posted a net income of P2.25 billion for the first quarter of the year, up by 16 percent compared to the same period last year. Solid revenues which amounted to P3.95 billion sustained the profitability of the Fund allowing it to remain as one of the leading financial institutions in the country. These revenues were derived from housing – P2.03 billion, investments - P1.12 billion, and multi-purpose loans - P0.80 billion.

Vice President Kabayan Noli De Castro, who sits as chairman of the Board of Trustees, said that the stable financial performance of the Pag-IBIG Fund was achieved despite the austerity measures it adopted. "The Fund's performance is convincing proof that efficiency and excellent service can co-exist.

Pag-IBIG is tops not only in income and service delivery but also in efficiency and cost-saving," De Castro said.

Total assets as of March 2006 expanded to P182.46 billion, representing a 2.33 percent increase over the 2005 year-end level of P178.30 billion.

The expansion in the total resources of the Fund was primarily driven by members' equity which reached P126.74 billion and housing-related assets which amounted to P103.73 billion. The Fund's total resources are projected to reach almost P200 billion by end of the year.

Pag-IBIG Fund President and Chief Executive Officer Atty. Romero Quimbo pointed out, "the sustained growth in the Fund's performance is a result of synchronized institution-wide reforms we implemented, such as a strengthened IT infrastructure and an aggressive collection and marketing drive anchored on the *Tapat sa Pag-IBIG* campaign.

The campaign emphasizes the conscientious payment of members of their loan obligations to ensure the continuous flow of funds.

The collection efforts implemented by the Fund have in fact paid off. Collections from January to March 2006 stood at P10.41 billion, up by 17.63 percent in the same period last year and the highest quarterly figure posted to date. Total collections covered members' contributions which accounted for P3.41 billion and multipurpose and housing-related loans which accounted for P3.29 billion and P3.71 billion, respectively. "We expect our collection performance to continue improving because of our recent tie-ups with several public and private banks for the use of their electronic payment windows," Quimbo said.

Higher collection level means increased benefits to its more than six million members across the country. Total benefits released for members reached P1.09 billion, an increase by P424.16 million, or 63.23% higher than total releases for benefits in the first quarter of 2005.

As the single biggest provider of housing loans in the country and main financier of the public sector housing industry, the Fund continues to play a vital role in pump-priming the economy. For the first three months of 2006, the total contribution to the economy of the corporation reached P24.80 billion, increasing by P1.89 billion or 8.25 percent higher from the previous level. The Fund also remitted P642.82 million to the government coffers. Over P3.59 billion in housing loans were granted to individual housing loan borrowers during the first quarter.

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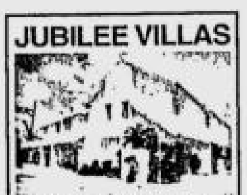

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June 4, 1976
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and his son

EDUARDO SYQUIA ALMARIO

June 11, 2005
(1st death anniversary)

Masses will be offered today June 4 and on Sunday, June 11, 2006 at the following churches:

Our Lady of Beautiful Love, Merville Paranaque	-	8:00am
St. Jude Chaplaincy, West Ave homes QC	-	8:00am
Christ the King, Grean Meadows QC	-	9:00am
Sta. Maria Della Strada, La Vista QC	-	9:00am
Chiesa San Salvador, Venice, Italy	-	10:00am
Chiesa de San Giovanni Crisostomo, Venice	-	10:00am
San Beda Church, Alabang Hills	-	11:00am
Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills	-	11:15am
Sacred Heart, Hillsborough, Alabang Hills	-	11:30am
Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Makati	-	4:30pm
Holy Family Artesia, So. California USA	-	5:30pm

Pacita Syquia Almario, her children and their spouses, and her grand children request relatives and friends of Romy and Dondi to keep them in their hearts and in their prayers.

Maria Isabel Garcia y Garcia

Peacefully joined her Creator
on June 3, 2006 at the age of 63.

Her loving brothers and sisters: **Jack** and **Pepita**, **Paquito** and **Lita**, **Ramon**, **Jose**, **Antonio**, **Rosario**, **Carmina**, **Mercy** and **Julian**, and **Tita Mercy**, nephews and nieces request the pious readers to pray for her eternal rest and everlasting happiness.

Her remains lie in state at Chapel 1, St. Therese of Lisieux, Magallanes Chapels, Magallanes Village, Makati City. Interment will be today, June 4, 2006 after the 6pm mass.

"...absent from the body to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8

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whoever believes in Me will never die."
John 11:25-26

Remedios V. Bunda

"Nanay Edios"

of Noveleta, Cavite

Peacefully and gracefully joined our Lord
on June 2, 2006 at the age of 95.

Her remains lie in state at her son's (**Rudyardo V. Bunda**) resthouse at Remelville Subdivision, Noveleta, Cavite.

Her remains will be transferred to the Philippine Independent Church at 8:00 in the morning on Wednesday, June 7, 2006.

Interment will be at Love Memorial Park, Salcedo, Noveleta after the afternoon mass.

DEATH NOTICE

DIONISIA C. TAMAYO

Died June 2, 2006

Her body lies in state
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Interment to be announced later
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Calasiao, Pangasinan.

AIDA B. ALCARAZ

of Baliwag, Bulacan and Caloocan City

Peacefully joined her Creator and her loving husband Jose
at 11:00 a.m. on June 2, 2006 at the age of 79.

Her loving children and in laws **Josefina** and **Arturo**, **Erlinda** and **Greg**, **Joselito** and **Leonida**, **Antonio** and **Elizabeth**, **Lauro** and **Imelda**, **Rodrigo**, **Amalia** and **Ronaldo** (†), **Rizalina** and **Jose Rizaldy**; grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends request prayers for the eternal repose of happiness of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Funeraria Paz Agoncillo Hall, Manila Memorial Park, Sucat Avenue, Parañaque City.

There will be a 9:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. Cremation will follow at Manila Memorial Park Crematorium, Sucat Avenue, Parañaque City at 10:00 a.m.

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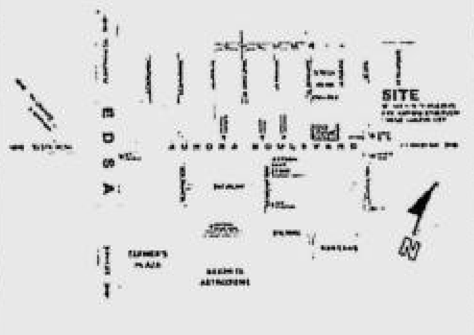

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People, Events & Products

Nestlé holds Nutrition, Health Congress for schools

NESTLÉ PHILIPPINES INC (NPI) held a Nutrition and Health Congress for schools recently at the Crowne Plaza in Ortigas. It was attended by school administrators, parent teacher association (PTA) officers and canteen concessionaires from more than seventy (70) private schools in Metro Manila.

The whole day event featured a plenary session aimed at increasing the awareness of the participants on the importance of nutrition, health and wellness among children, particularly grade school students. Dr. Gloria Perez of the Department of Education (DepEd) gave the keynote address while Dr. Gina Pedro of the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) presented the results of the 6th National Nutrition Survey.

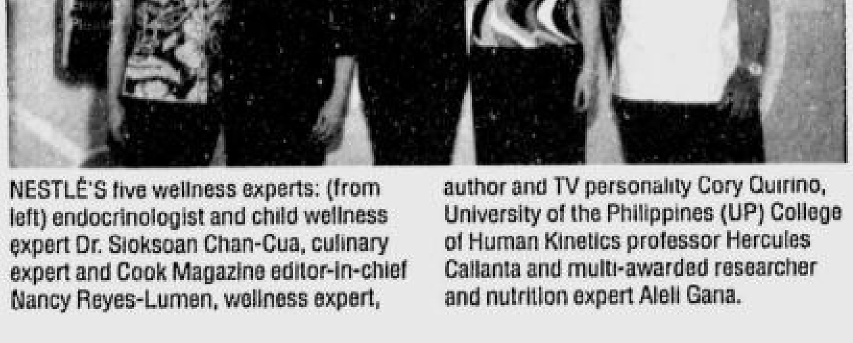
The School Congress also featured interactive breakout programs that dealt with important topics such as the importance of physical activity, school health data, importance of breakfast, how to prepare healthy school food and wellness for life. The breakout programs were facilitated by the five Nestlé Wellness experts namely, endocrinologist and child wellness expert Dr. Sioksoan Chan-Cua, University of the Philippines (UP) College of Human Kinetics professor Hercules Callanta, culinary expert and Cook Magazine editor-in-chief Nancy Reyes-Lumen, multi-awarded researcher and nutrition expert Aleli Gana and wellness expert, author and TV personality Cory Quirino.

The main purpose of the School Congress is to address the major health issues affecting school children today. According to a study conducted by FNRI in 2003, 1.3 percent of children in the Philippines are either overweight or obese. The School Congress encouraged schools to form a Wellness Board, a body made up of school administrators, members of the PTA and canteen concessionaires that will spearhead and facilitate the implementation of nutrition, health and wellness programs.

NPI vows to assist the Wellness Boards that will be formed by recommending nutrition, health and wellness programs, recommending materials that the schools can use and providing a framework for wellness which can help promote the implementing schools as Wellness Schools.

The Nutrition and Health Congress for schools is a continuation of the efforts of NPI to promote nutrition, health and wellness among school children. Last year, the company has conducted wellness courses on some of the major elementary schools in Metro Manila. This year, it is targeting to provide nutrition courses to 80 schools.

The School Congress is part of Choose Wellness, Choose Nestlé, a continuing advocacy effort of Nestlé Philippines to build awareness of current knowledge and lifestyle practices promoting wellness, the condition of good physical and mental health especially when maintained by proper diet, exercise and habits.



NESTLÉ'S five wellness experts: (from left) endocrinologist and child wellness expert Dr. Sioksoan Chan-Cua, culinary expert and Cook Magazine editor-in-chief Nancy Reyes-Lumen, wellness expert, author and TV personality Cory Quirino, University of the Philippines (UP) College of Human Kinetics professor Hercules Callanta and multi-awarded researcher and nutrition expert Aleli Gana.

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For more details about the position, please see http://www.adb.org/Employment/Local/default.asp

Reporting Arrangement

The position reports to one or more professional staff of OAGF.

Selection Criteria

Specific criteria include

- suitability to undertake the responsibilities mentioned above at the required level.
- a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with major in Accounting; and qualification as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Internal Auditor.
- at least five years experience in internal audit of financial institutions, Supreme Audit Institution (COA) or similar relevant work in a CPA firm.
- thorough understanding of auditing principles and techniques as well as management reporting systems; working knowledge of computer audit tools and standard computer software.
- thorough understanding of principles of internal control systems.
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Assistant Database Analyst

Responsibilities

The position administers and maintains the data warehouse and reporting software used across ADB; and assists in the maintenance of database management and related software in order to ensure the performance, integrity, security, and availability of ADB's databases.

For more details about the position, please see http://www.adb.org/Employment/Local/default.asp

Reporting Arrangement

The position reports to the Information Systems and Technology Specialist who heads the Database Administration Unit in the Office of Information Systems and Technology (OIST).

Selection Criteria

Specific criteria include

- suitability to undertake the responsibilities mentioned above at the required level.
- a Bachelor degree in Computer Science, Management of Information Systems, or related field; one or more of the following certifications: Oracle DBA, Cognos Professional.
- at least 5 years experience in Information Technology, 2 years of which are in database management and enterprise reporting systems.
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- Graduate of any communications-related course
- Very good communications skills, writing and editing; background in research is an asset
- Must be a team player but also a self-starter and willing to work in the field

Procurement Officer (1)

- At least 3 years of work experience in procurement /purchasing of goods in a consulting service set-up; ensuring Foreign and Philippine Procurement Guidelines
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Deadline for Submission: 5:00 p.m., Friday, 23 June 2006

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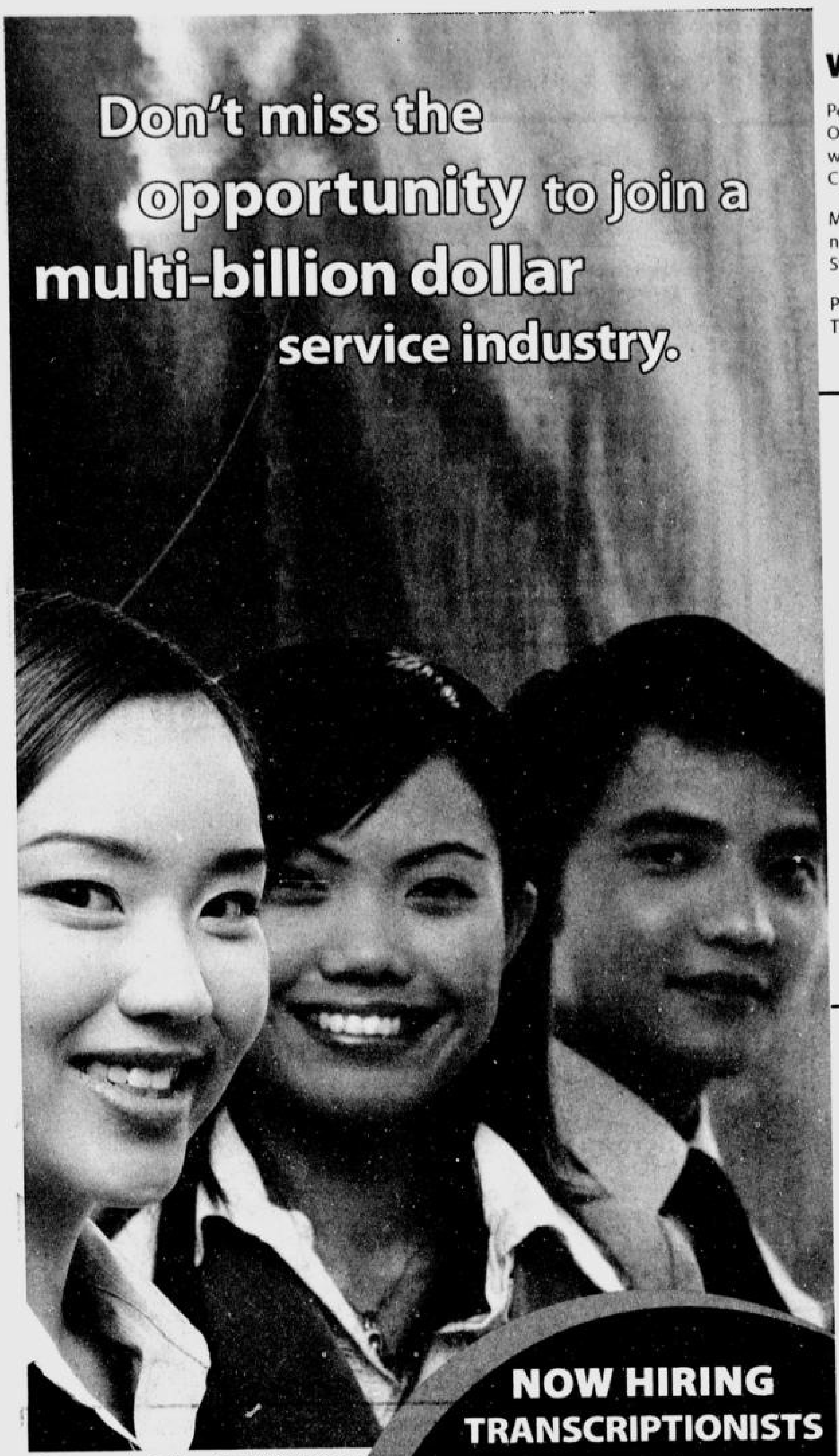

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- Bachelors degree in any related field

BIOSTATISTICIAN

- Develops statistical analysis plans, sample data displays, statistical sections of protocols, and statistical reports.
- In conjunction with data managers, develops output SAS data set specifications.
- Will draft presentations of statistical issues and results to Institutional Review Boards, the Food and Drug Administration and international regulatory authorities.
- Minimum of 5 years biostatistician experience with a minimum of 2 years experience at a pharmaceutical or biotech company
- PhD or MS in statistics, biostatistics or related field.

DATA MANAGER (2)

- Experienced data manager (1 to 5 years) with a pharmaceutical or biotech company.
- Will design data entry screens, edit checks and clarification forms for clinical trial databases.
- Experience with data coding, data base merging and validation required.
- Will serve as corporate expert on all issues related to database specification and validation. With knowledge of applicable US and International regulation.
- Experience with electronic data capture a plus.
- Bachelors degree in any related field

SENIOR DATA MANAGER

- Experienced data manager (minimum of 5 years) with a pharmaceutical or biotech company.
- Will design data entry screens, edit checks and procedures for handling data to create databases in support of regulatory submissions.
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- Will serve as corporate expert on all issues related to database specification and valuation. Strong working knowledge of applicable US and international regulation.
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- Assist the management auditor in performing operations audit of the central office and field location offices
- Must be willing to travel

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- M/F, between 30-35 years of age; Graduate of any 4-year Business course
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- Male, at least 25 years old; Must possess a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Human Resource Management
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- College graduate or a certificate holder of Industrial Electrical Technology
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- Basic Computer operation skills, Interpersonal skills

FINANCE DIVISION SECRETARY

QUALIFICATIONS:

- College graduate preferably with background in Accounting
- 1 year experience in related job.
- With secretarial skills
- Knowledge of basic office and e-mail software
- Knowledge of basic computer program, Typing Skills, Communication Skills, Basic Writing Skills, Interpersonal Skills, Filing Skills

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- College graduate preferably Computer Science or Computer Engineering with Business background
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- 1 to 2 years experience on this job or jobs leading to it
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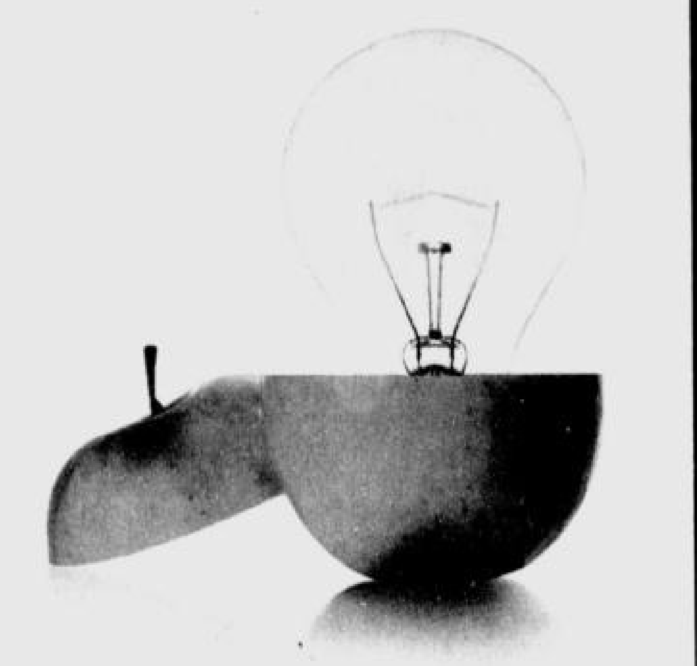

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Qualifications:

Knowledge

Support center operations management, process and procedures framework

Development of tools and methodologies and service controls for call handling, management and tracking of incidents, problem resolution and escalation

Strong ability to communicate support issues with clients at both technical and service levels

Must have experience in collaborating with regional contacts and business partners in developing new-services/support programs aligned to the team mandate

Experience

5+ yrs experience in a technical support or customer service industry

7+ yrs experience management experience in handling technical /customer support team or related field of discipline

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One or more of the following certifications or related experience is desired

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CORPORATE SUPPORT MANAGER

Responsible for day to day technical support operations of the team, this includes managing the operational metrics both quality and productivity targets. The work also entails proper resource management, and providing close engagement and assistance in the continuous development and growth of the support engineers

Qualifications:

Knowledge

Functional technical /IT knowledge is desired

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Experience

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2+ yrs experience in a technical support or customer service industry

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- Identify, organize and monitor product trials as required

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- Self driven with good interpersonal skills
- Good presentation, communication and selling skills
- Ability to speak and write fluently in English and Tagalog and working knowledge of a third language – Mandarin or Vietnamese
- Must be a mature, independent and pro-active team player
- Knowledge of Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel and Word
- Must be able to travel extensively

If the above position matches your experience and desires, please **write in or email** with your detailed resume and current and expected salaries before 17th June to:

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- Knowledgeable in trouble-shooting computers and other electrical and office equipment
- Can work with minimum supervision and has the ability to monitor his work and supervise other personnel

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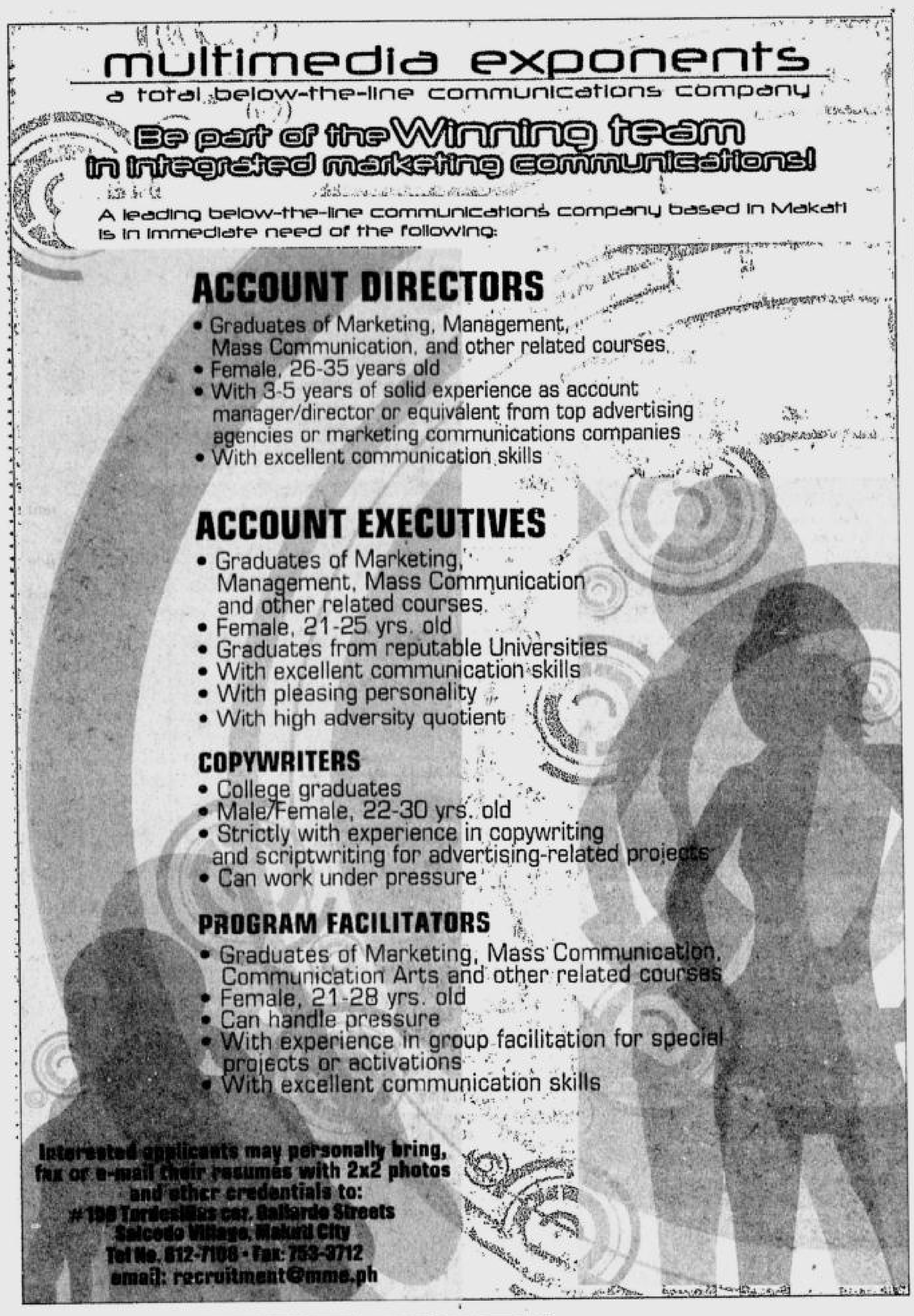

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Pag-IBIG declares record P5.5 B dividends in 2005

THE PAG-IBIG FUND BOARD OF TRUSTees, chaired by Vice President Kabayan Noli De Castro, recently approved the declaration of P5.54 billion as dividends for the year 2005.

This was announced by Fund President and Chief Executive Officer lawyer Romero Quimbo. "The amount, which represents an increase of 14.23 percent compared to the 2004 level of P4.85 billion, is the biggest so far in the Fund's 25-year history," Quimbo said.

For the last six years, the level of dividends has been continuously increasing from P1.81 billion in 2000, P3.44 billion in 2001, P3.74 billion in 2002, P4.21 billion in 2003, P4.85 billion in 2004 and P5.54 billion in 2006. "This is a testament to the Fund's sustained stability and growth," Quimbo added.

As provided in its Charter, the Pag-IBIG Fund is to set aside an amount equivalent to no less than 70 percent of the institution's annual net income and declare this as dividends. The dividends declared for 2005, however, reached 75 percent of the Fund's record-setting P7.38 billion net income allowing a dividend rate of 4.57 percent. This will be credited proportionately to the members' total savings.

"Once again, our prudent investment policies and intensified collection efforts have increased the Fund's profitability. More profit for Pag-IBIG means more benefits to our members," Quimbo said.

CREBA roadshows in Hong Kong and Macau

THE CHAMBER OF REAL ESTATE AND BUILDers' Associations Inc. (Creba) through its major subsidiary Creba International Foundation Inc. (CIFI)held property roadshows and real estate project presentations before overseas Filipinos in Hong Kong and Macau as it stages this year's second Pilipinas Housing Fair last May 19-23, 2006.

Creba is the umbrella association of over 4,000 members from 68 industries/professions engaged in the Philippine real estate industry. Among its members are property developers, contractors, landowners, architects, brokers, and other real estate professionals.

In 2003, it organized CIFI to spearhead global marketing initiatives to generate awareness, interest, and investments in Philippine properties especially among the overseas Filipinos.

It serves other Filipino expatriates and foreign investors by assisting them in locating appropriate real estate investment opportunities in the Philippines and sets the criteria for accreditation of developers-sellers and verifies their credibility, viability, integrity, and financial stability.

It has a network of chapters abroad and has organized and participated in several successful roadshow presentations in Europe, Asia, and the United States, the most recent of which was the 20th Fil-Am Expo, Auto Show, and Home Show at the LA Convention Center in September 2005.

The Pilipinas Housing Fair in Hong Kong and Macau last month features the 4th San Isidro Pahiyas and Mayflower Festival at the Plaza de Amizade organized by the Quezonian Association of Filipinos and the government of Macau. Activities in Hong Kong included presentations before church organizations and Filipino community groups in partnership with the Bayanihan Center and the PagIBIG Overseas Programs.

CIFI is headed by president Purita R. Soliven, while head delegate for the fair and vice-president for Asia is Editha L. Manansala.

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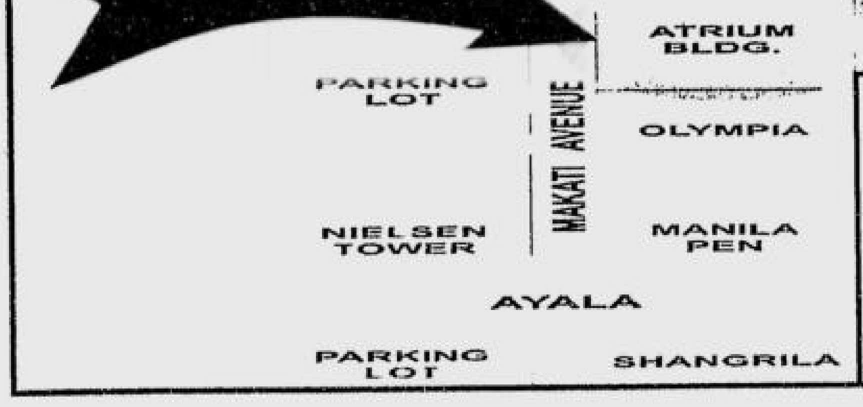

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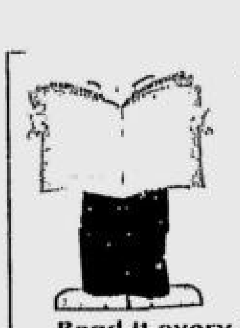

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DOLE cites need to close OSH-gap

THE GOVERNMENT HAS STRONGLY encouraged the Philippines' 8,000 larger enterprises to link up with smaller companies and set up a culture of work safety indispensable to higher productivity in the country's growing industries and its developing economy.

Speaking at the recent 1st Mindanao Summit on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) in Davao City, Labor Undersecretary for Labor Relations Manuel G. Imson appreciated the holding of the Summit in the region that set the lead in the nationwide effort to close the so-called "OSH gap."

The historic Summit, he said, "came at an opportune time — the economic expansion in Mindanao highlighted by investments in the agriculture, mining, energy and services sectors amidst the regional implementation of the DOLE's National Program for Decent Work and the Master Plan for Zero Accident Program (ZAP)."

Imson, who heads the DOLE's Mindanao operations cluster, said the landmark event is one of the major activities preparatory to the key role the Philippines is expected to play in the drafting of a new international OSH Convention at the forthcoming International Labor Conference (ILC) in Geneva, Switzerland this June.

"This landmark event in Mindanao is the first even as it denotes concerted action of the public and private sectors, along with the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the World Health Organization, in building a culture of work safety and health in the Philippines," he said.

In encouraging the country's large to small enterprises to advance occupational safety and health (OSH), Imson reflected the earlier call that Labor and Employment Secretary Patricia A. Sto. Tomas, as the President of the 89th International Labor Conference in Geneva in 2001, sounded to "include the disadvantaged workers in the informal sector into the mainstream of [local and global] development."

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‘I don’t like my female boss!’

I’M FEMALE, HAPPILY MARried with two children and in my early 40s. I have been working in a multinational company for the past 13 years. I rose from the ranks from an administrative assistant to executive secretary because of my efficiency, computer skills, networking skills, among others. I had been working under two male expatriates for the past five years and I had a wonderful professional working relationship with each one. They left me alone to run the executive office and to supervise a staff of three employees. They had confidence in my abilities to deliver results.

Unfortunately, our company is now under Filipino management and my boss is a Filipino-Chinese woman who is tactless, task-oriented and is lacking in people skills. She is just the opposite of my previous male bosses. Whereas I used to be allowed to go home earlier in the afternoon after my tasks had been done so I can supervise my children in their studies, now I can no longer do so. She expects me to stay in the office while she is around and this is not later than seven in the evening.

I’ve asked HR to transfer me to a male boss because I prefer male bosses to female ones. But there is no vacancy. I’m left with the hopeless situation of putting up with my female boss or getting out of the company. I don’t want to resign because I love the company; it’s the female boss I can’t stand.

What shall I do? Please help me.

Ms Executive Secretary

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Josie O. Santamaria

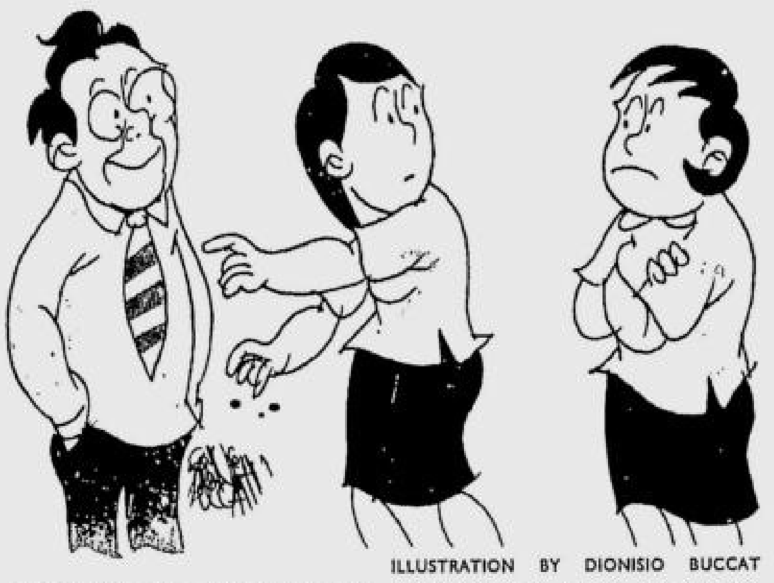
You like your work and your company but you don’t like your female boss. You have gotten so used to male expatriate bosses that it is difficult for you now to accept and work under your current boss and adjust to new working conditions. You mentioned two options open for you i.e., put up or resign. Actually, you have a third option, i.e., to accept your situation and use your skills to develop a positive and professional relationship with your female boss. As a start, you must have the following paradigm shifts:

1. From “I prefer male bosses to female ones” to “I will work for either male or female boss under whom I am assigned.”
2. From “I prefer male expatriates” and “I don’t like this Filipino-Chinese boss” to “I want to know more about my current boss and see her virtues and positive traits.”
3. From judging her as a “tactless, task-oriented and lacking in people skills” to “She has her own management style which she learned through positive reinforcements of negative behaviors, but perhaps I can influence her by using my own people skills.” Generalizations can be dangerous; they restrict us from seeing the good traits, or the bad traits, in a person.
4. From “I can no longer leave the office earlier” to “What I enjoyed before was a special accommodation. I have no privilege which other employees do not enjoy.”

Mindsets

Our perceptions are colored by our mindsets. We see what we want or expect to see. We need to validate our perceptions thru actual experience with a person and be open to change our mindsets.

I have observed this phenomenon among a number of female secretaries who express and show preferences for male expatriate bosses; they steel themselves against local executives especially female ones. Admittedly, male executives working and living in a foreign country have been known to be rather lax and to show dependence on their female secretaries for their enculturation. Here is where local female staff get an upper hand; as a result, they are able to enjoy a higher status than other employees and enjoy certain privileges. If this is not racial prejudice, I don’t know what it is.



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I believe that, if you want to continue working in the corporate world, you need to accept the fact that you will be assigned to bosses of different characters, personalities, management and leadership styles. You need to accept them as they are and work your way from the here-and-now and to a level where you enjoy a good working relationship with them.

Professional relationship

Here are some do’s and don’ts to develop a professional and positive relationship with your boss:

- Continue your good working habits, including keeping regular office hours, just like the other employees, and observe punctuality;
- Ask your new boss what her expectations of you are;
- Exceed her expectations. This will earn your boss’ respect for your competencies. This respect will translate into confidence and faith in your performance;
- Stop comparing her with your male expatriate bosses and don’t feed the grapevine with your comparisons. These are surely going to reach her ears. How do you think she will feel? How would you feel if you were in her shoes?
- Know and understand where your boss is coming from: her family and cultural background, her education and work orientation, what are her “soft” spots (what touches her heart), and “sore”,spots (what irritates her), etc. If she feels understood and accepted, she will be open to your influence.
- Never suggest that something had been done the way it was done before. She has her own way of doing things. Do it her way. Wait for her to ask you for your suggestions.
- Know yourself. Understand your own expectations of your boss but make sure these are realistic and are congruent with office norms and corporate values.
- Wait for the right psychological moment to ask her if you could leave at the close of office hours for important personal/family matters. It is the norm in any organization for secretaries, whether male or female, to be in the office while their bosses are around.
- Always get clear instructions and deadlines and write these down. Record all meetings where she is present or where she presides. God bless you.

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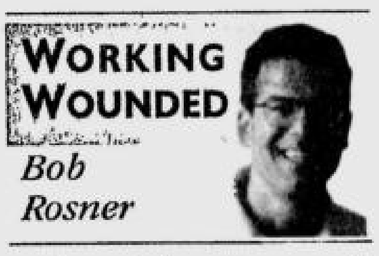
What are people’s biggest fears at work?

DEAR WW: A RECENT downsizing really brought a lot of people’s fears to the surface. People reacted so strongly, that I realized that they feared for more than just their job.

Fearful



Bob Rosner

As a person who does a lot of speeches, I was always fearful of not getting enough sleep the night before a speech. I would lie in bed worrying. I gave a talk in San Francisco and due to a variety of mishaps, I only had two hours of sleep. The speech went fine. Now I sleep soundly on the road, because I no longer have to worry about not getting enough sleep.

I’m not trying to be over simplistic, not all fears are so easily identified and resolved. But many can be. I’ve outlined some of the most common fears below along with strategies for addressing them. For more, check out “The One Thing You Need to Know” by Marcus Buckingham (Free Press. 2005).

Fear of death. Thanks to many people who pushed for health and safety rules at work, this is a fear that most of us don’t have to carry to work each day. However, if you work around toxic fumes, dangerous machinery or face other serious safety hazards at work, it is important to not get cavalier about following safety guidelines, even if they’re a hassle.

Fear of the outsider. Buckingham points out that humans are basically herd animals who need a sense of community to bring order and structure to our workplaces. This can be threatened by a new boss from outside the organization, a takeover by another company or an industry that is changing so dramatically that new competitors seem to come out of nowhere. The more an organization can share information with its people, the less impact the outsider fear will have on worker productivity.

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Fear of the future. The last few years have been very turbulent in most of our workplaces. From the dot.com meltdown to the burst of cell phones, WIFI and a number of new technologies, it is easy to see the future and fear it. The key is to remain nimble so that you can take advantage of the opportunities while dodging the bullets that usually go along with it.

Fear of chaos. Remember when you knew who your boss and competitors were? These days many of us have multiple bosses and competitors come from every direction. The best way to reduce the fear of chaos is to put effort into understanding what is going on around you. Obliviousness may feel better, but it is risky to take your eye off the ball today.

Fear of insignificance. Most people like to be acknowledged and respected. Unfortunately most bosses, according to my mail, aren’t very good at providing this reassurance. Don’t just take what comes your way; look for opportunities to have an impact.

Don’t go sleepwalking through your workday, many of your fears can be addressed, but only if you make the commitment to deal with them.

(Mr. Rosner, an internationally syndicated columnist, author and speaker, is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. E-mail him at bob@workingwounded.com.)

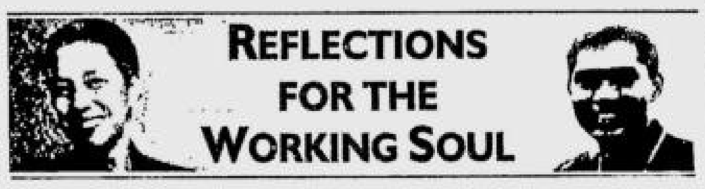
Who’s right?

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

MANY HEATED ARGUMENTS OR BITTER QUARRELS among workers, even between the closest of friends, arise from the issue of “who’s right or who’s correct” on something. Each one would usually insist that “he is right,” which means—he is telling the truth and “nothing but the truth.” Since each one sees the reality from his or her point of view, perspective, interest or biased understanding of it, differences, chaos and confusion in human relationships or even the destructive forms of disunity and division among workers or between workers and employers are bound to happen.

How could such evil be avoided or at least remedied? Most companies which aim to be at the top have addressed such problems that threaten the business by organizing activities that build a common vision and mission among the members of the organization. They would make everyone in the workplace, from those at the top down to the last and least position, see the “truth” about the work the company or business, not from each individual’s perspective but from a common one. Each one is guided through group dynamics and processes to move away from selfish interests and instead, to enter more intensively into more objective and common goals which foster a genuine spirit of communion.

This united corporate climate which generally contributes to the great success of the business could significantly be enhanced and even transformed into a much greater success than just a material one if the Spirit of Jesus, which guides all believers “to all truth” is accepted and integrated into the dynamics of the corporate world. *(E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)



Plain miscommunication?

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

HAVE YOU PAUSED TO COUNT HOW MANY INCIdents of “miscommunication” daily happen at the workplace? Damaging incidents which, with a little more care, could have been avoided? So many conflicts can be prevented and feelings spared—not to mention resources conserved—if only we really bothered to learn how to communicate effectively.

Effective communication calls not only for “speaking skills” but “feeling skills” as well. It means not just talking to but also empathizing with someone—putting oneself in the other’s shoes and striving to make oneself so clear to the person one is communicating with.

For communication to be productive, both parties must be aware and conscious of a common goal—truth—their exchange is aiming at. This requires a workable degree of openness which allows one to see things from viewpoints other than one’s own. Communication trouble starts when we uphold our biases, opinions and prejudices as the truth, thus blinding us to the validity of the other person’s perspective. When people cling to their individual “truths” at the expense of the uncontestable truth that benefits everyone, communication comes to a standstill.

Especially at the workplace where we are called upon to be ethical and moral from time in to time out, it is imperative that we submit ourselves to the truth such as that which Jesus refers to when He speaks of the Spirit of truth ... who “will guide you to all truth.” This is the truth that directs us to be fair, honest and just in all our dealings. It curbs our selfishness and protects us from temptation and corruption. Imagine the marvels we could witness if this Truth were to reign at our workplaces! *(E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

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Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

‘I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.’

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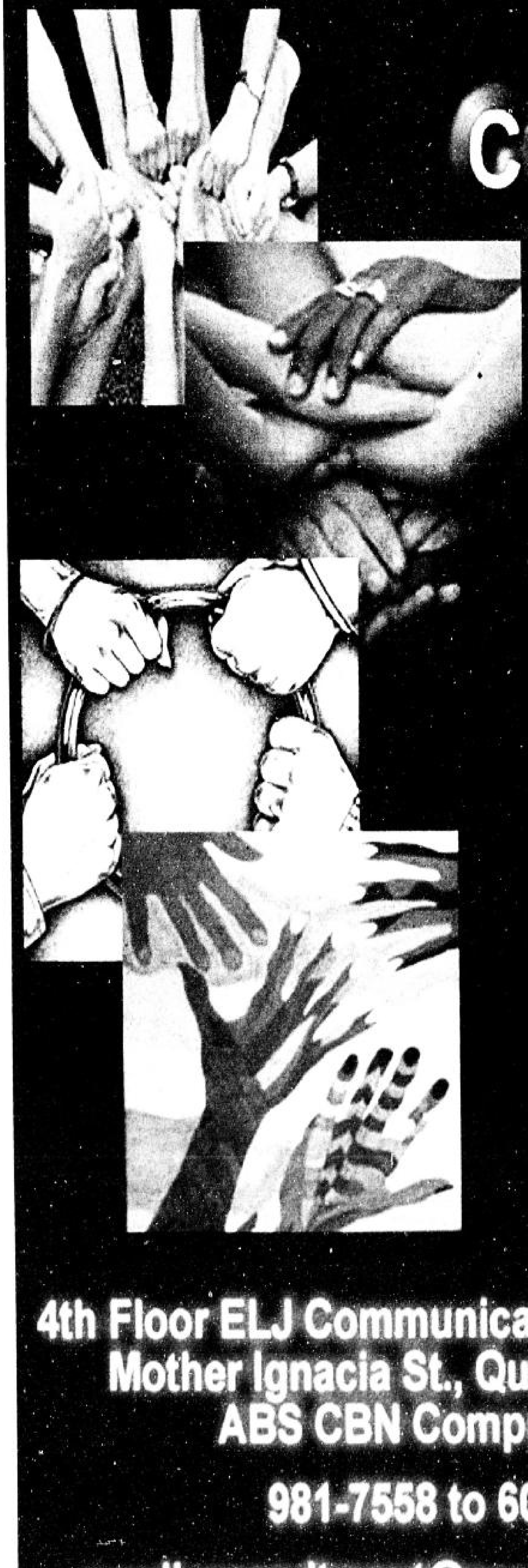

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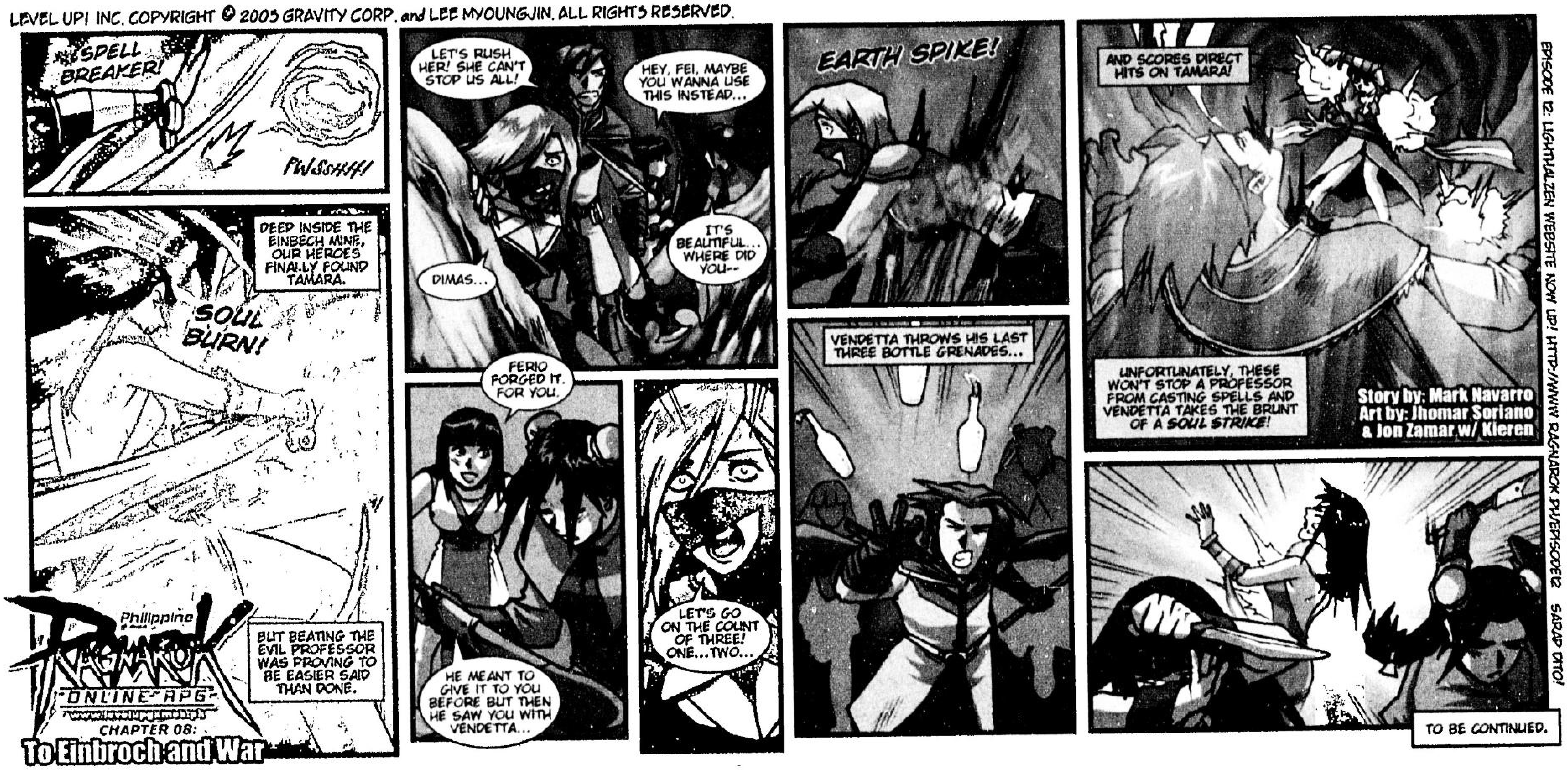
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PWSSHH!
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DIMAS...
IT'S BEAUTIFUL... WHERE DID YOU--
FERIO FORGED IT. FOR YOU.
HE MEANT TO GIVE IT TO YOU BEFORE BUT THEN HE SAW YOU WITH VENDETTA...
LET'S GO ON THE COUNT OF THREE! ONE...TWO...
EARTH SPIKE!
VENDETTA THROWS HIS LAST THREE BOTTLE GRENADES...
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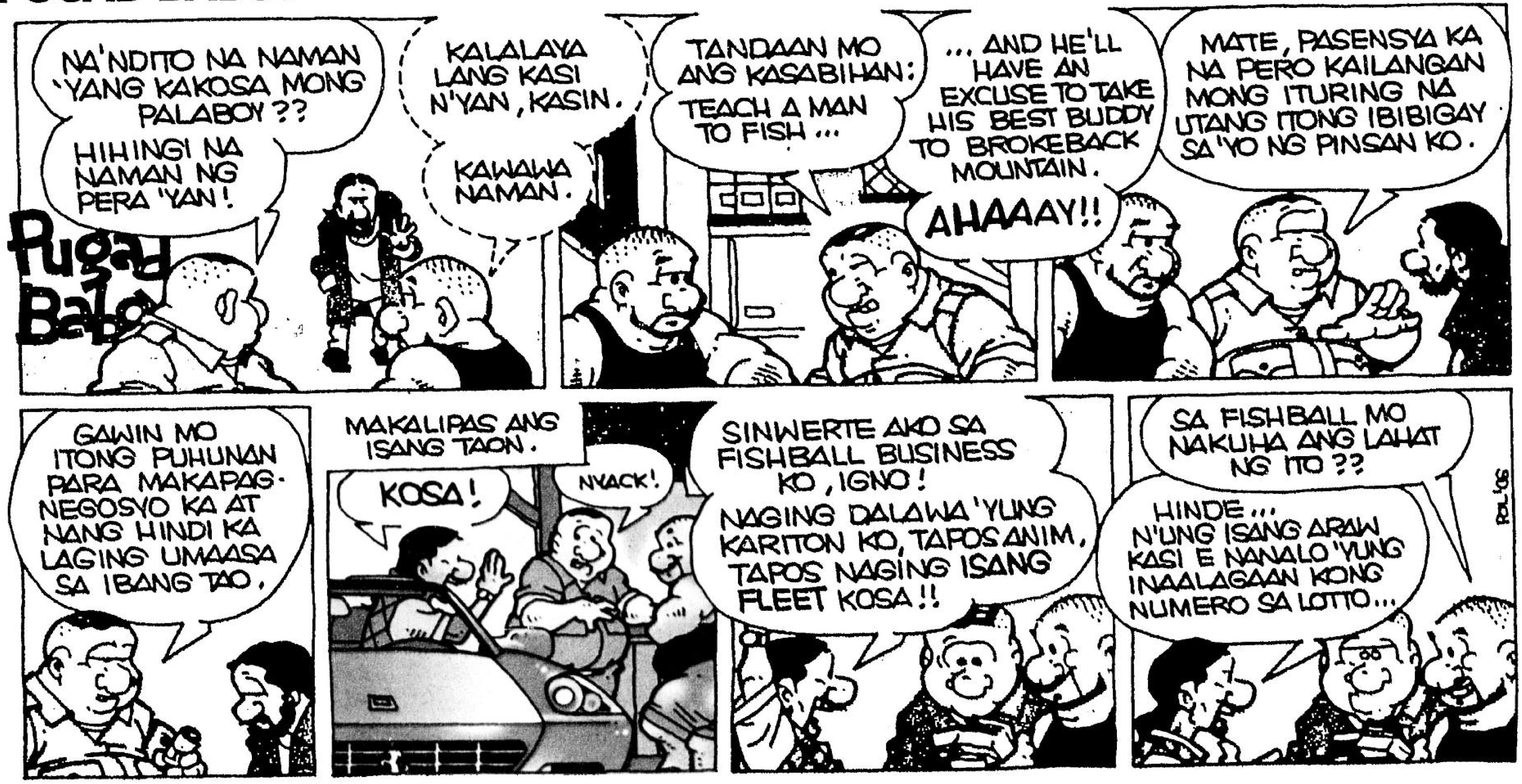
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NA'NDITO NA NAMAN 'YANG KAKOSA MONG PALABOY ??
HIHINGI NA NAMAN NG PERA 'YAN!
KALALAYA LANG KASI N'YAN, KASIN.
KAWAWA NAMAN.
TANDAAN MO ANG KASABIHAN:
TEACH A MAN TO FISH ...
... AND HE'LL HAVE AN EXCUSE TO TAKE HIS BEST BUDDY TO BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN.
AHAAAY!!
MATE, PASENSYA KA NA PERO KAILANGAN MONG ITURING NA UTANG ITONG IBIBIGAY SA'YO NG PINSAN KO.
GAWIN MO ITONG PUHUNAN PARA MAKAPAG-NEGOSYO KA AT NANG HINDI KA LAGING UMAASA SA IBANG TAO.
MAKALIPAS ANG ISANG TAON.
KOSA!
NYACK!
SINWERTE AKO SA FISHBALL BUSINESS KO, IGNO!
NAGING DALAWA 'YUNG KARITON KO, TAPOS ANIM, TAPOS NAGING ISANG FLEET KOSA!!
SA FISHBALL MO NAKUHA ANG LAHAT NG ITO ??
HINDE... N'UNG ISANG ARAW KASI E NANALO 'YUNG INAALAGAAN KONG NUMERO SA LOTTO...
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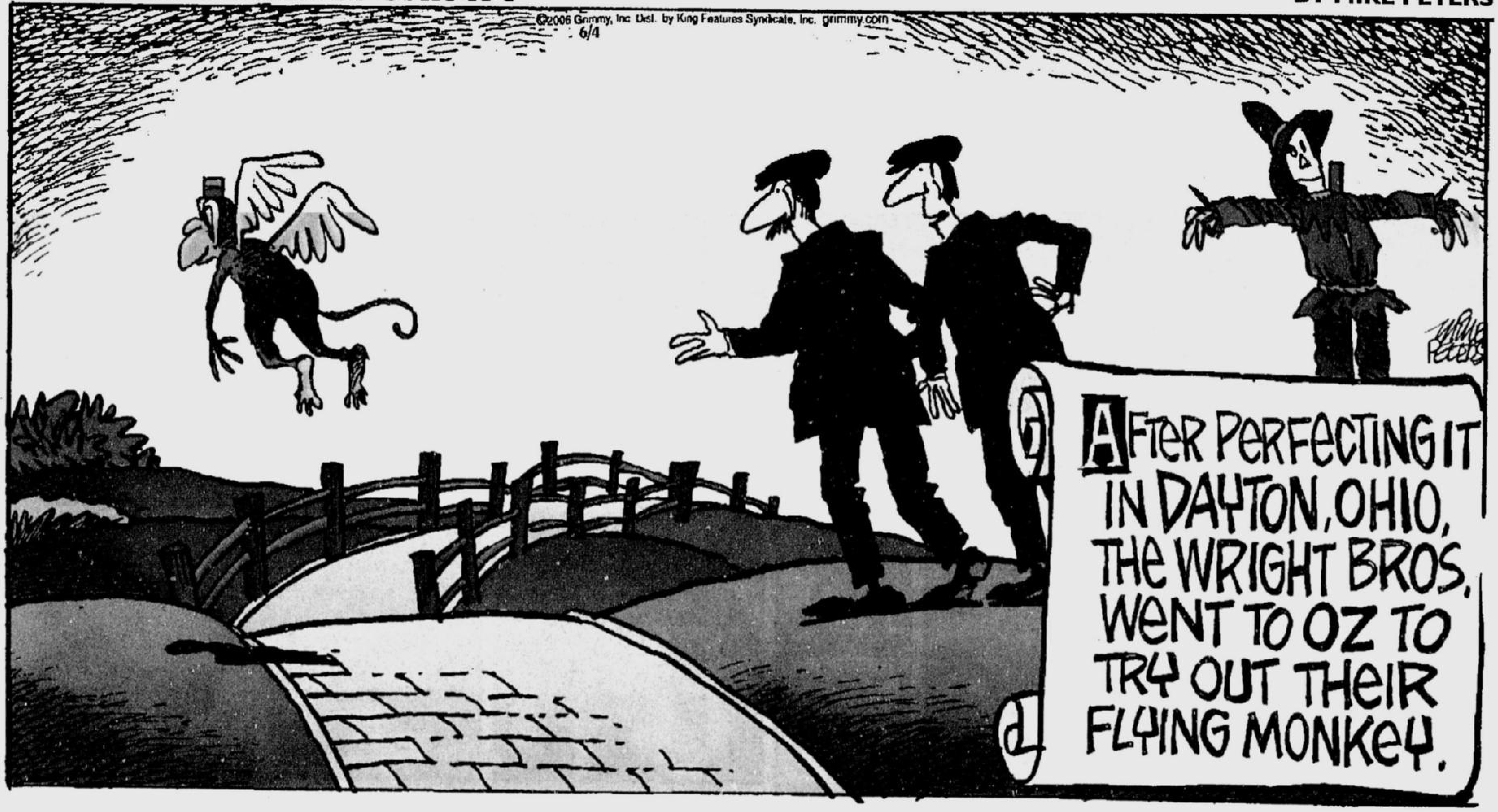
BY MIKE PETERS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MIKE PETERS
AFTER PERFECTING IT IN DAYTON, OHIO, THE WRIGHT BROS. WENT TO OZ TO TRY OUT THEIR FLYING MONKEY.

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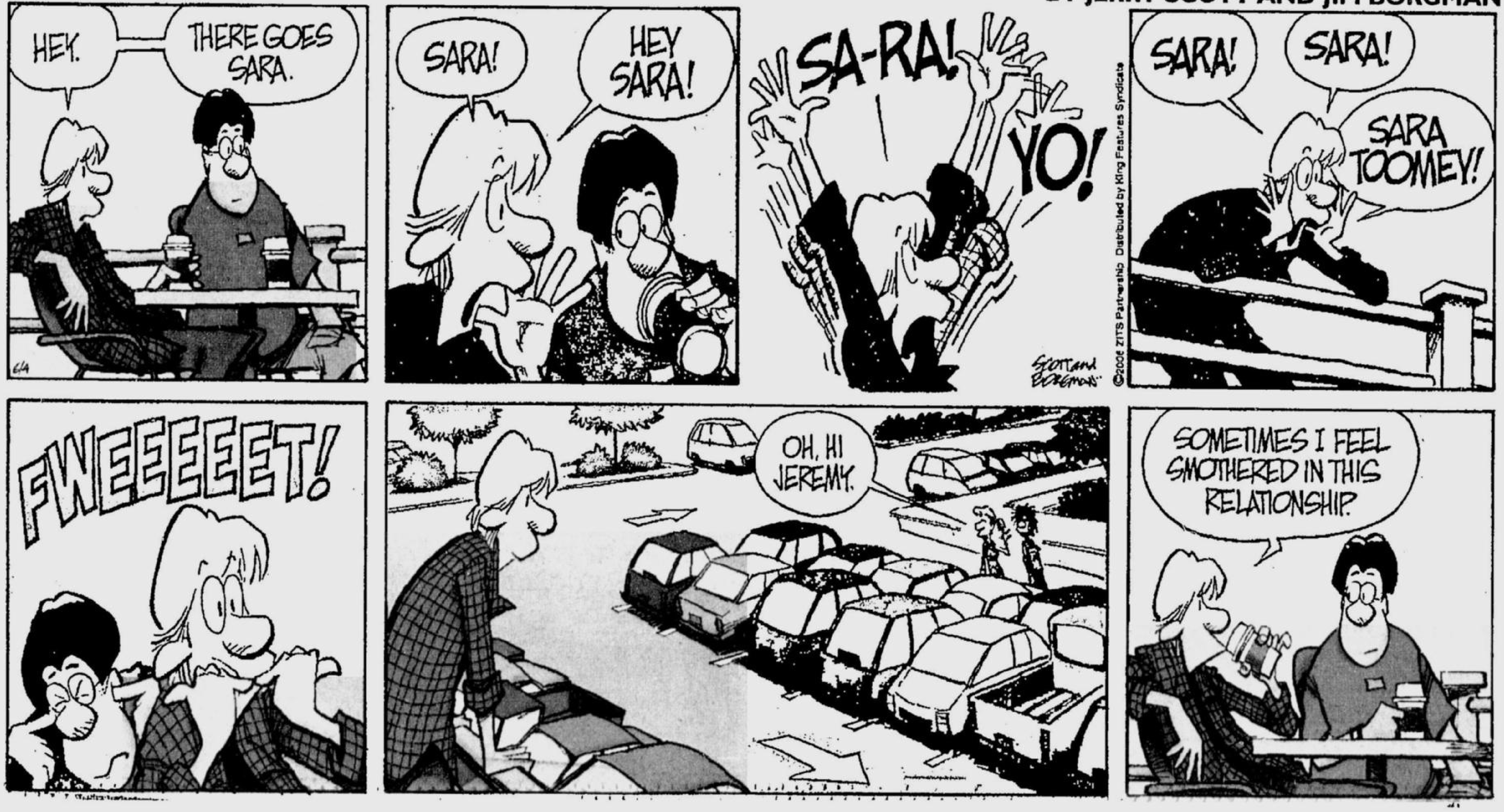
BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN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SA-RA!
YO!
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SARA!
SARA TOOMEY!
FWEEEEEET!
OH, HI JEREMY.
SOMETIMES I FEEL SMOTHERED IN THIS RELATIONSHIP.

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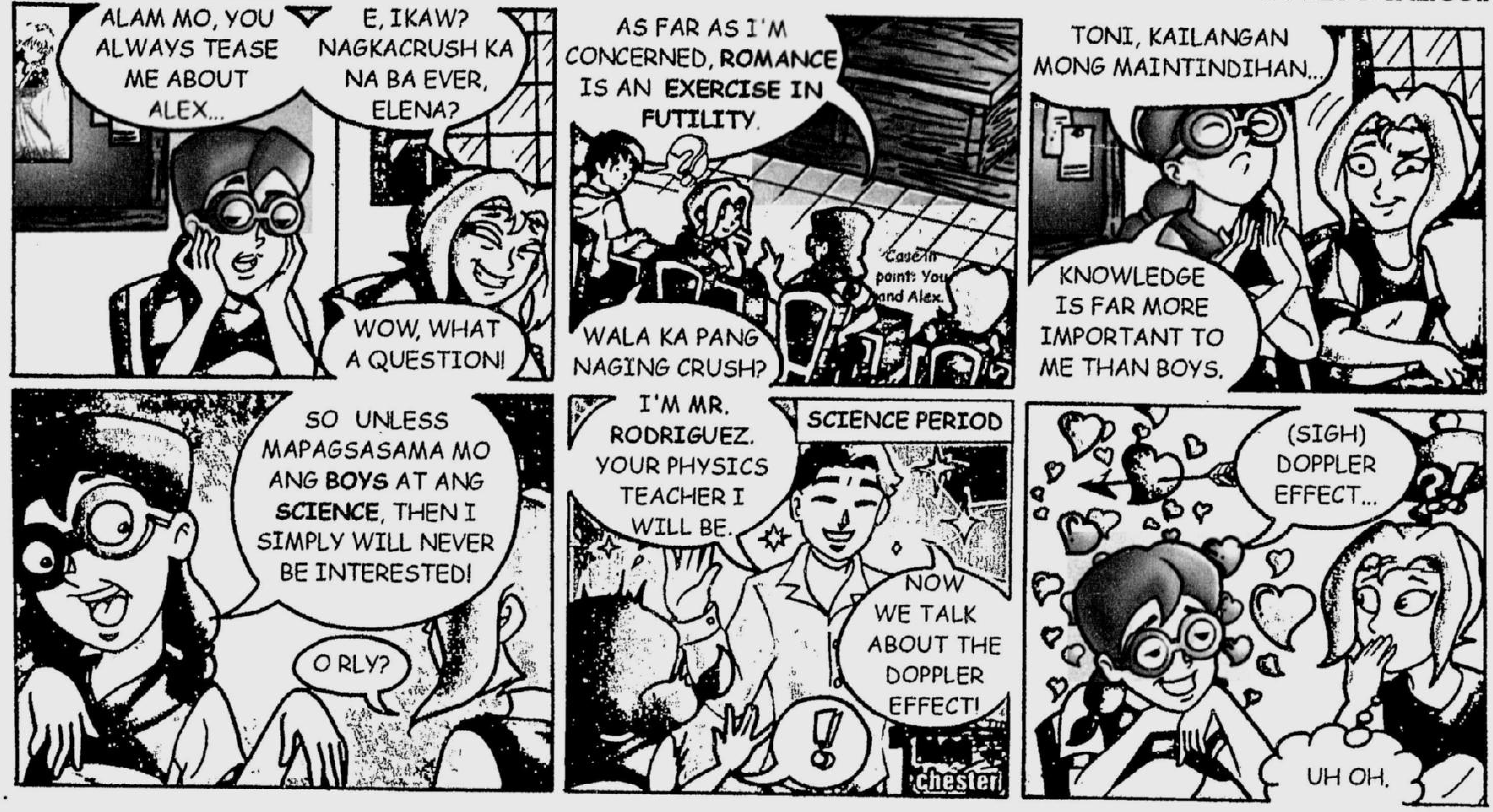
ALAM MO, YOU ALWAYS TEASE ME ABOUT ALEX...
E, IKAW? NAGKACRUSH KA NA BA EVER, ELENA?
WOW, WHAT A QUESTION!
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, ROMANCE IS AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY.
Case in point: You and Alex.
WALA KA PANG NAGING CRUSH?
TONI, KAILANGAN MONG MAINTINDIHAN...
KNOWLEDGE IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN BOYS.
SO UNLESS MAPAGSASAMA MO ANG BOYS AT ANG SCIENCE, THEN I SIMPLY WILL NEVER BE INTERESTED!
O RLY?
SCIENCE PERIOD
I'M MR. RODRIGUEZ. YOUR PHYSICS TEACHER I WILL BE.
NOW WE TALK ABOUT THE DOPPLER EFFECT!
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(SIGH) DOPPLER EFFECT...
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UH OH.

MOOMOO HUNTERS

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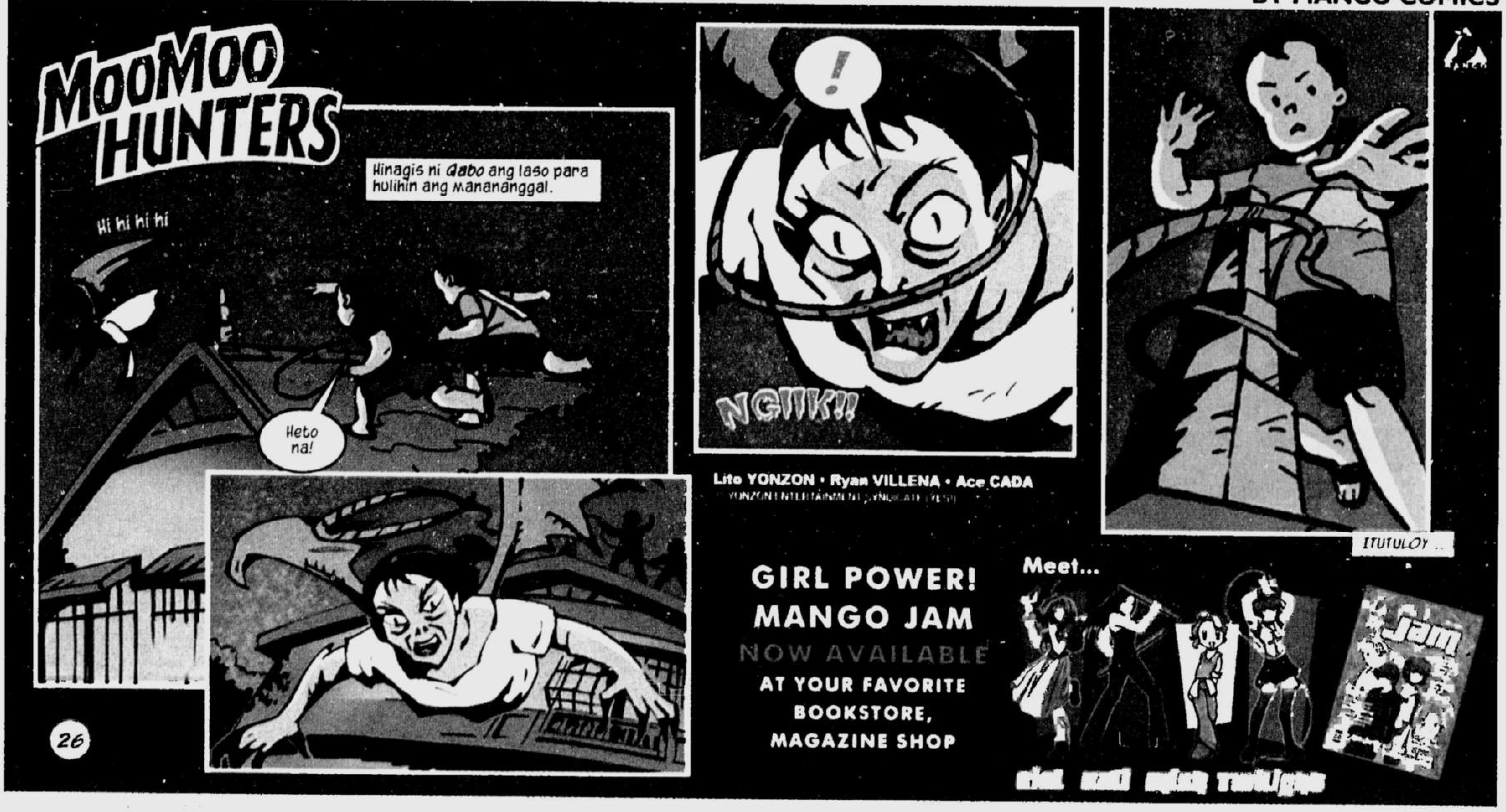
MooMoo HUNTERS
Hinagis ni Qabo ang laso para hulihin ang manananggal.
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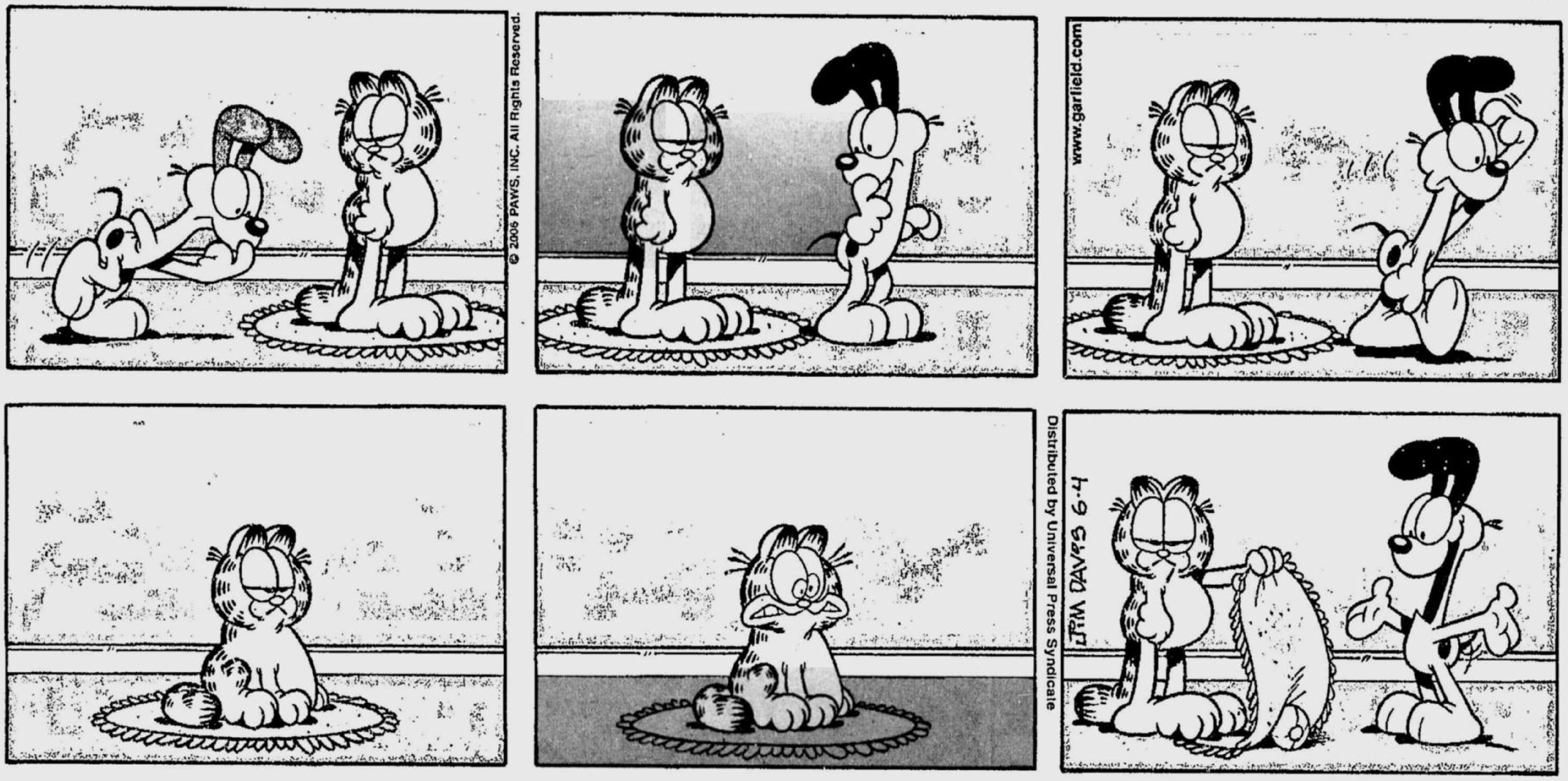
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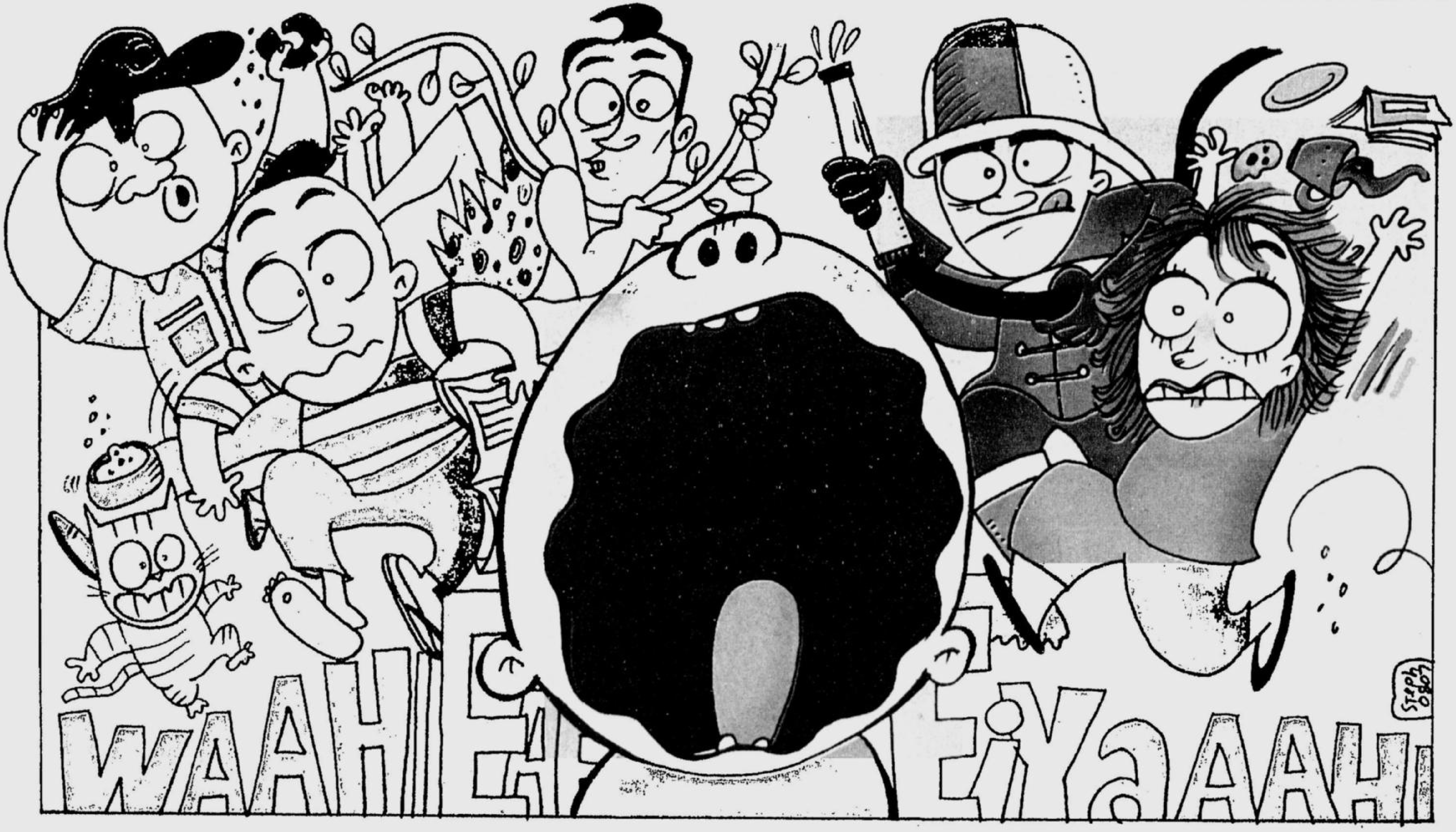
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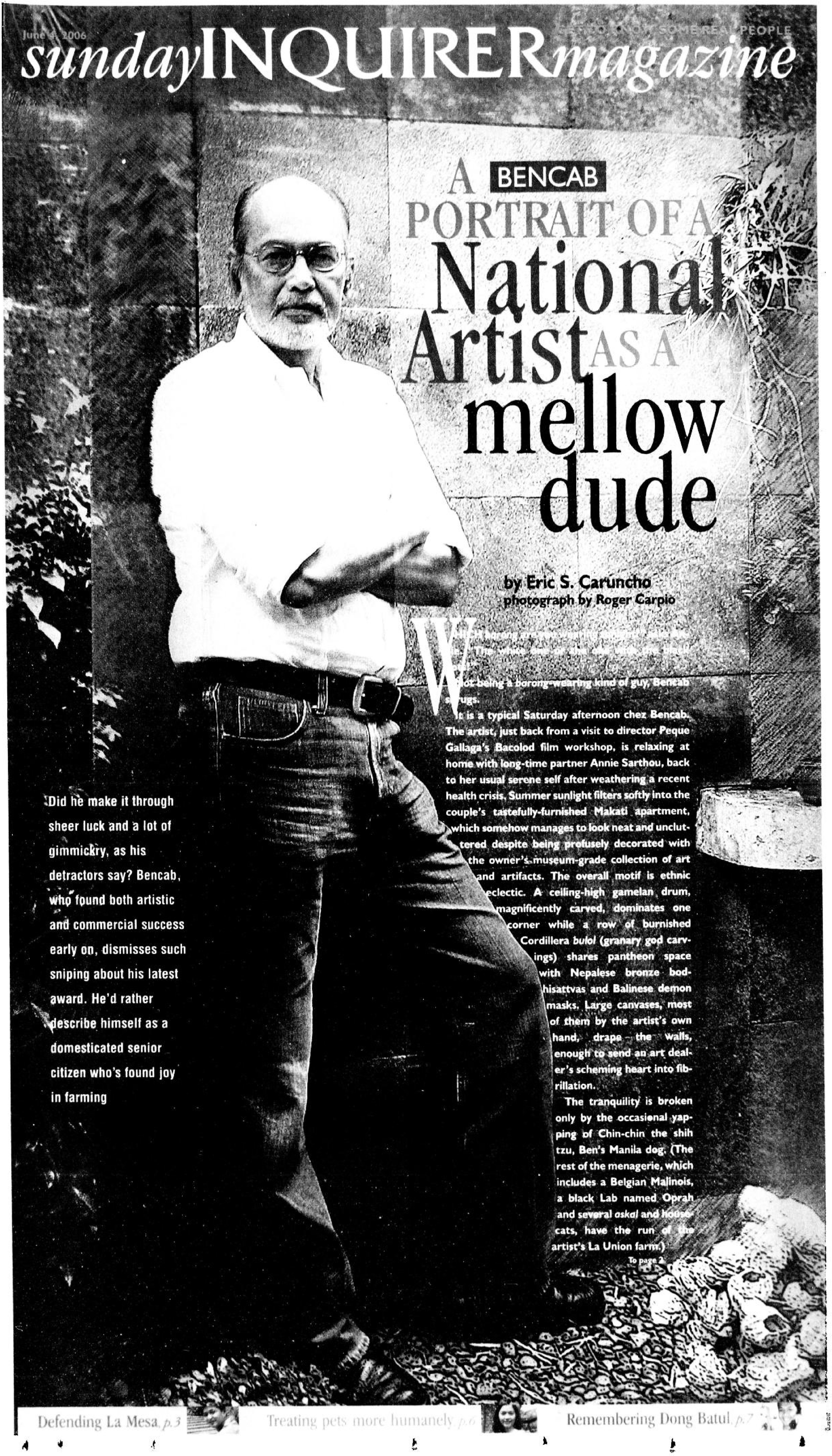

BENCAB

A PORTRAIT OF A National Artist AS A mellow dude

by Eric S. Caruncho

photograph by Roger Carpio

Did he make it through sheer luck and a lot of gimmickry, as his detractors say? Bencab, who found both artistic and commercial success early on, dismisses such sniping about his latest award. He'd rather describe himself as a domesticated senior citizen who's found joy in farming

W[illegible] *borong* [illegible]. The white one or the one with the black [illegible]

Not being a *borong*-wearing kind of guy, Bencab shrugs.

It is a typical Saturday afternoon chez Bencab. The artist, just back from a visit to director Peque Gallaga's Bacolod film workshop, is relaxing at home with long-time partner Annie Sarthou, back to her usual serene self after weathering a recent health crisis. Summer sunlight filters softly into the couple's tastefully-furnished Makati apartment, which somehow manages to look neat and uncluttered despite being profusely decorated with the owner's museum-grade collection of art and artifacts. The overall motif is ethnic eclectic. A ceiling-high gamelan drum, magnificently carved, dominates one corner while a row of burnished Cordillera *bulol* (granary god carvings) shares pantheon space with Nepalese bronze bodhisattvas and Balinese demon masks. Large canvases, most of them by the artist's own hand, drape the walls, enough to send an art dealer's scheming heart into fibrillation.

The tranquility is broken only by the occasional yapping of Chin-chin the shih tzu, Ben's Manila dog. (The rest of the menagerie, which includes a Belgian Malinois, a black Lab named Oprah and several *askal* and housecats, have the run of the artist's La Union farm.)

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ROSS CAPILI

Later, one of Bencab's steady patrons sends a car around, because a National Artist shouldn't have to drive himself to Malacanang in an SUV.

Not that Bencab wouldn't.

In fact, he probably would have preferred to go in his usual jeans and t-shirt, rather than a Patis Tesoro *barong Tagalog* and a pair of borrowed Florsheims.

But what's a National Artist to do? Tonight's function, a presidential invite to meet prominent expatriate Filipino artists, is just one of the things expected of him now that it's official.

The artist himself is singularly cool about the whole thing.

"I'm pleased, because it's a very high honor for an artist," he says. "As you get older, you become established and you accept it."

That's Bencab: man of few words.

A matter of time

Actually, it wasn't that much of a surprise: he has been on the short list for quite a while now, and it was only a matter of time. At 64, Bencab is arguably the best-known Filipino painter, at least locally, and the most successful. Art dealers can't get enough of his works, and they regularly fetch handsome prices in local galleries and international auction houses such as Christie's. Wealthy patrons vie for his attention. Bencab's exhibits invariably sell out long before the exhibit closes, often before the paintings are even hung on the gallery walls. The artist has his hands full meeting private commissions and participating in international group shows.

"I'm enjoying being established and sought after," he says. "When I was young, this happened to Manansala, and I'm surprised that I've reached this stage. But that's really the cycle. When we were young, we used to rebel against Manansala and Ocampo. We said, 'why are you still doing cubism when it was done by Picasso in 1912?' Now the young artists are the ones asking me, 'Why are you still painting Sabel and all that?' It's my mark."

Of course, not everyone is thrilled at Bencab being handed the country's highest accolade for an artist. Every time the list of new National Artists is announced, there is always a lot of grumbling from the ranks as to why other artists not on the list are more deserving. But Bencab's nomination seems to have sparked more than its share of the usual sniping and jibing among artists that's par for the course in the local art scene.

In what can only be described as a screed faxed to various publications and individuals, critic Rachel Mayo had this to say:

"Who is Bencab? What has he done to receive a nomination that will make him an iconographic image for Philippine art?... He carved a significant niche in the market by sheer luck and gimmickry. He elevated himself to the level of celebrity by posing with the right people at the right time... including rock stars and actresses like Alessandra de Rossi... His portraits of celebrities and moneyed folk betray his sensitivity as a marketing genius. When he becomes National Artist, those who have invested in Ben's portraits can make a killing from his sketches... And yet we find his work wanting in artistic impact."

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Mayo goes on to cite Manansala, Zobel, Abueva, Luz, Joya, Castrillo, Chabet and Medalla, and gives her opinion as to why Bencab doesn't belong in their august company:

"The works of these artists generated giant waves that influenced artistic expression on a wide scope. They were outstanding individuals whose bravery set new trends and influenced contemporary Filipino artistic expression. Their works changed the course of our artistic destiny and characterize the country's art as seen today... These are the artists who deserve such awards. They broke ground and created works that were not intentionally made to be 'great' but emerged from a vision and integrity deep within themselves. And by being true to themselves, they unwittingly caused a new wave of seeing, a new wave of speaking and expressing the language of a people. And whose aim is yet to be realized in what we have been seeking—national identity... Because the National Artist Award is a national identity award, I must ask, shall we allow the 'identity' of Bencab to define ourselves?"

I suppose one could do worse than identify with someone who's grown rich by doing what he loves, what he's good at.

Bencab shrugs. (He really is a mellow dude.) He doesn't really have to answer his critics because he's a made man, and as Robert de Niro tells Ray Liotta and Joe Pesci in "Goodfellas," "you can't touch a made guy."

"I'm just lucky to be at the right place at the right time," says Bencab. "I mean, what's wrong with that? That's where I am, it's not a conscious effort. People like my work, they go after my paintings, and they're willing to pay for them. It's supply and demand."

As for being a media hound, he says it's the media that go after him, not the other way around. It's true: the camera loves the lean, six-foot Ben as do (predominantly female) lifestyle editors. (Imagine, say, the late Santi Bose—God rest his soul—with Alessandra de Rossi on those Bench ads and you get my drift.)

Ben has always been good copy, and not always because of his art: when he was starting out, the Manila Times covered him because he was one of them. In the late '60s and early '70s his marriage to pre-Raphaelite beauty Caroline Kennedy made them the Manila equivalent of Mick Jagger and Marianne Faithfull and the embodiment of the swinging era. In the '70s he was the Filipino expatriate artist incarnate, and in the '80s he was the prodigal son returned. Even as he aged and became more domesticated, Bencab's lifestyle—his beautiful daughter (commercial model Mayumi), his Zen garden, his collection of Cordillera artifacts, his farming—were grist for the popular press. Along with the usual articles on prostate problems and sex after 60, this month's issue of Men's Health magazine interviews him on ways of coping with stress.

Like it or not, the man's a celebrity. (But then, so was Luna, specially after he went O.J. and killed his wife.)

This is the kind of stuff that drives his critics up the wall.

"*Alam lang kasi nila ang pagka-sosyal ko* (It's only because they know I'm very outgoing)," he surmises. "I guess it's my personality. I'm easygoing. People say in spite of being successful, I'm humble. I just go with the flow. Art has gone through so many directions, but I just pursue what I'm good at, like drawing. In the end, what you leave is your work, so why would I force myself into something that is not really in my nature? I can't be David Medalla who can do performance art: I'm really shy, not an exhibitionist."

Actually, the National Artist award couldn't have come at a better time: it marks an even four decades since Bencab launched himself into the art world.

Benedicto Cabrera was born in 1942 in Malabon, at the height of the Japanese occupation, the youngest of nine children. From a tender age he came under the influence of older brother Salvador, 13 years his senior, who was already establishing himself as a painter. The young Bencab spent his formative years in Bambang, Tondo, then as now a working-class district, and attended the Balagtas Elementary School and the Arellano High School.

Facility for drawing

From a young age he already exhibited a facility for drawing, enough to convince his parents to send him to the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts in 1959. There, he came under the influence of such professors as Jose Joya among others, and began to develop his own style. But just short of finishing a degree, he dropped out to begin working at a succession of jobs, eventually landing a job as illustrator at the Sunday Times Magazine.

The year 1966 was a good one for Bencab. It began, auspiciously enough, with a sale of some of his paintings to none other than Paul McCartney, who had wandered into his brother Salvador Cabrera's A. Mabini gallery. (The Beatles' opinion of the Philippines hadn't soured yet: the Manila International Airport incident was still a day away.)

Later that year, he would mount his first solo exhibit at the newly-opened Indigo Gallery, and the mysterious figure of Sabel—based on a derelict woman who lived on the streets of the artist's Bambang neighborhood—would make her first appearance.

Deciding to devote himself full-time to painting, Bencab moved into a garret above the gallery. When not burning the midnight oil with paintbrush and canvas, he would hang out with kindred spirits at the Los Indios Bravos café next door, where he met a visiting British writer named Caroline Kennedy.

Things moved fairly quickly from then. In a few short years, Bencab had found his artistic muse. A series of successful exhibits culminated in his being invited to the 1969 VI Paris Biennale. Bencab married Caroline the same year and settled in London, where he would spend the next 15 years, raising a family and building his reputation.

"This was when I started looking for the elusive Filipino identity," says Bencab. "Instead of going through the trends that Europe was going through then, minimalism and conceptualism, I was doing research on Filipiniana and through that making a parallelism between the past and the present."

Inspired by the old prints and photographs from the colonial era that he uncovered in London's many antiquarian booksellers, he began the landmark "Larawan" series which basically set the template for his work until the present day.

"My work really borders on the narrative," he continues. "It's the influence of London. London has a very high literacy, and most of the artists there are satirists. I think it's a very big influence on me, the storytelling and social commentary. In the Seventies, the social realists were strong. If I was here during that time, I might have joined them and done murals."

Bencab's expatriate phase came to an end in 1986 after his divorce from Caroline, right in time for the Edsa revolt. Basing himself in Baguio, he helped establish the Baguio Arts Guild the following year. Since then, he has also established the Tam-awan Village, an art community that seeks to preserve Cordillera culture. Next year, he hopes to begin building a museum to house his massive collection of Cordillera artifacts, as well as his own works and those of other Filipino artists.

Domesticated

These days, Bencab divides his time between his house in Baguio, his farm in La Union and his Manila apartment.

"Domesticated?" he asks. "That could be the word. I like farming."

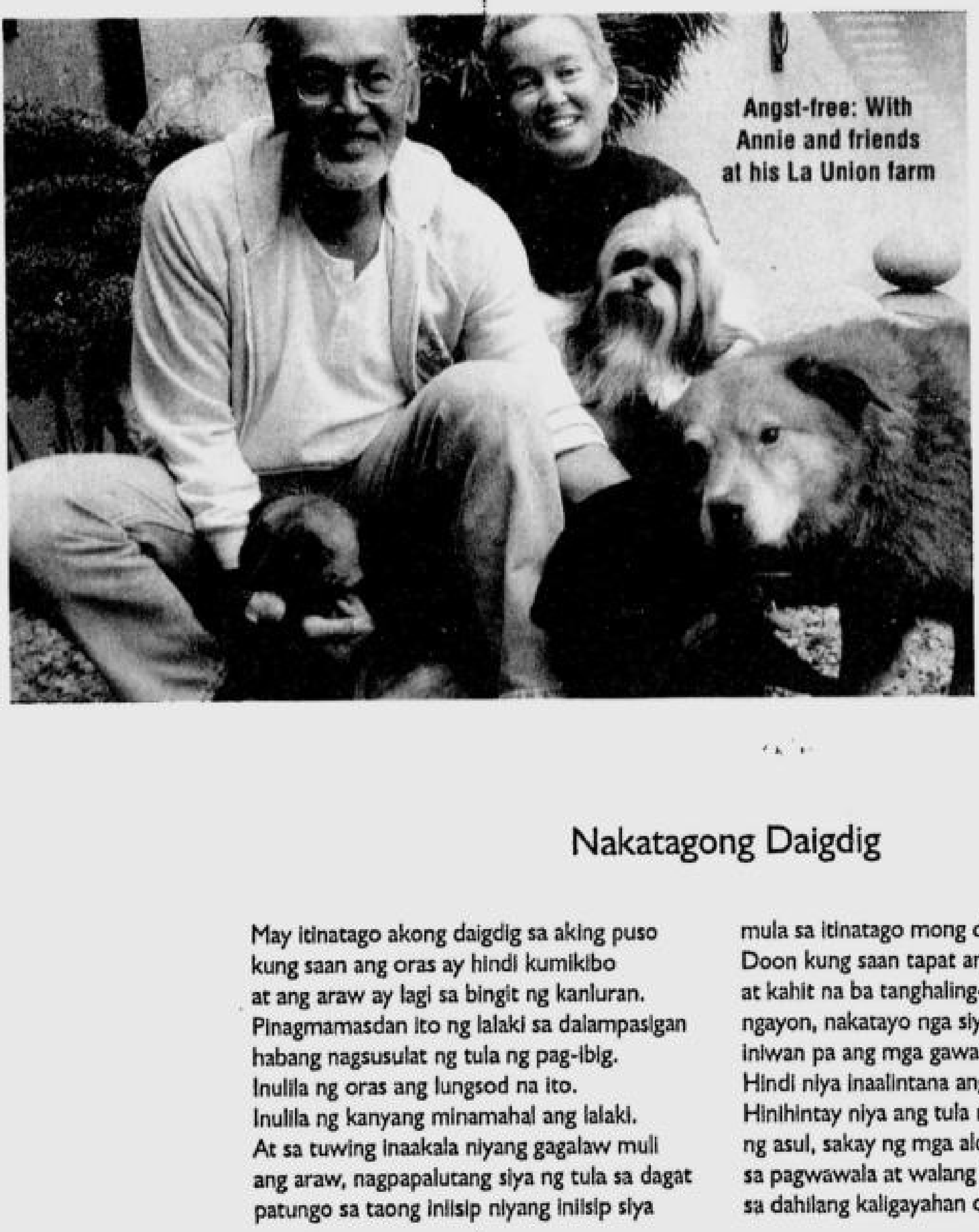
Last year, he and Annie went through a crisis of sorts when she was diagnosed with a potentially life-threatening illness, but the worst seems to be over and they are back to their relaxed but productive pace.

"It didn't really disturb my equilibrium," he says of that crisis. "I just continued working. It was difficult, but somehow I was able to control it. I just channeled my energy to my work. I was also doing a kind of discipline—tai chi—and there's that philosophy of detachment. I guess I'm not a very emotional artist, I'm more contemplative."

Bencab likes to joke that he's now a senior citizen, but his outlook remains youthful. He remains curious and is not afraid to try new things. In fact, his current exhibit, "Five Masters" at the One Workshop Gallery, together with graphic arts guru Pandy Aviado and photographers Wig Tysmans, Nap Jamir and Bien Bautista, marks his first foray into digital art. His pieces for the exhibit were created entirely on a computer, and archivally printed with an inkjet printer. In spite of the new technology involved, the results are unmistakably Bencab.

"It's just like making a print," he says, "except that you're using a computer. It's just a different medium, like etching or lithography. I like this kind of getting away from just doing a painting."

Mellow or not, this is one National Artist who's not about to rest on his laurels. Q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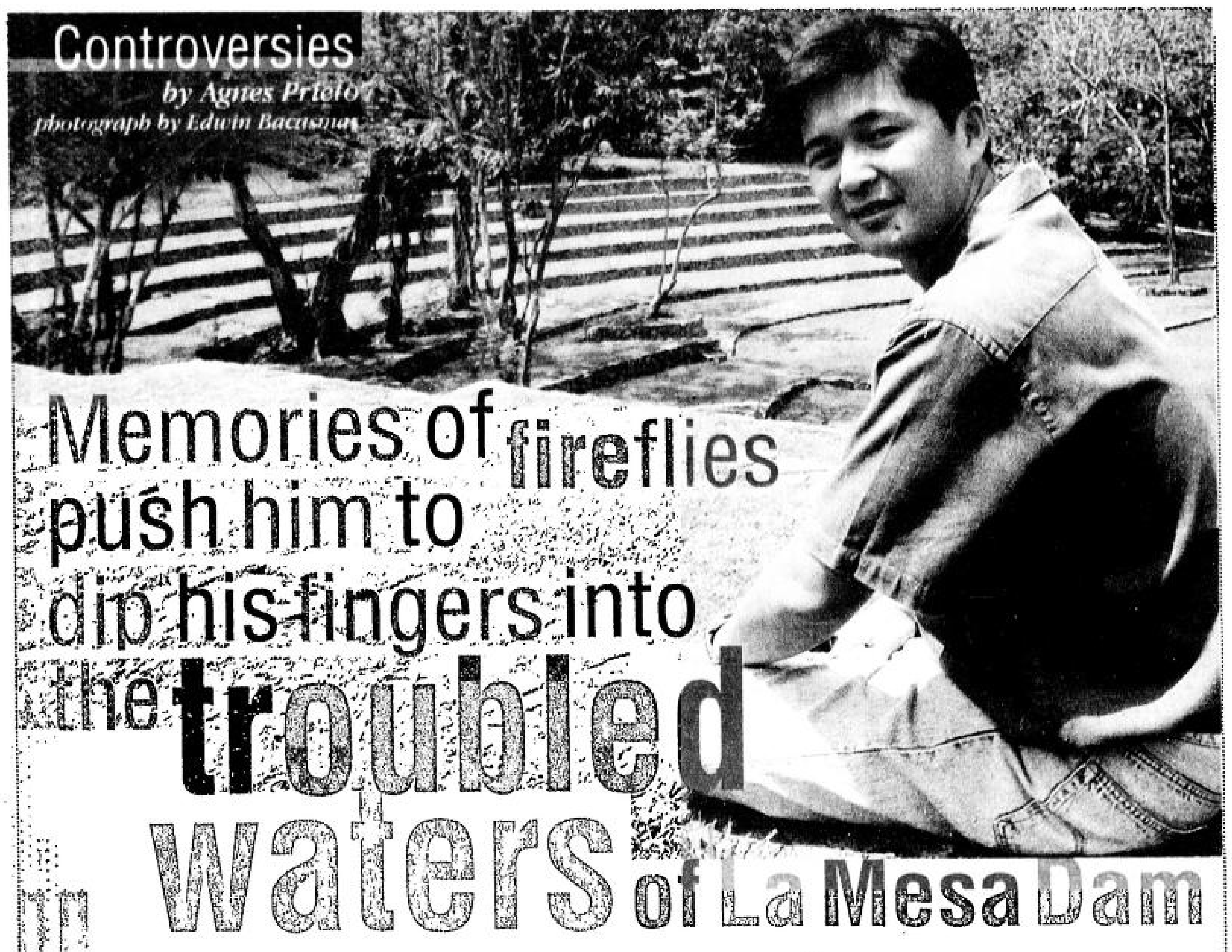

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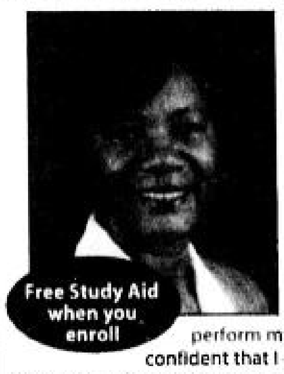

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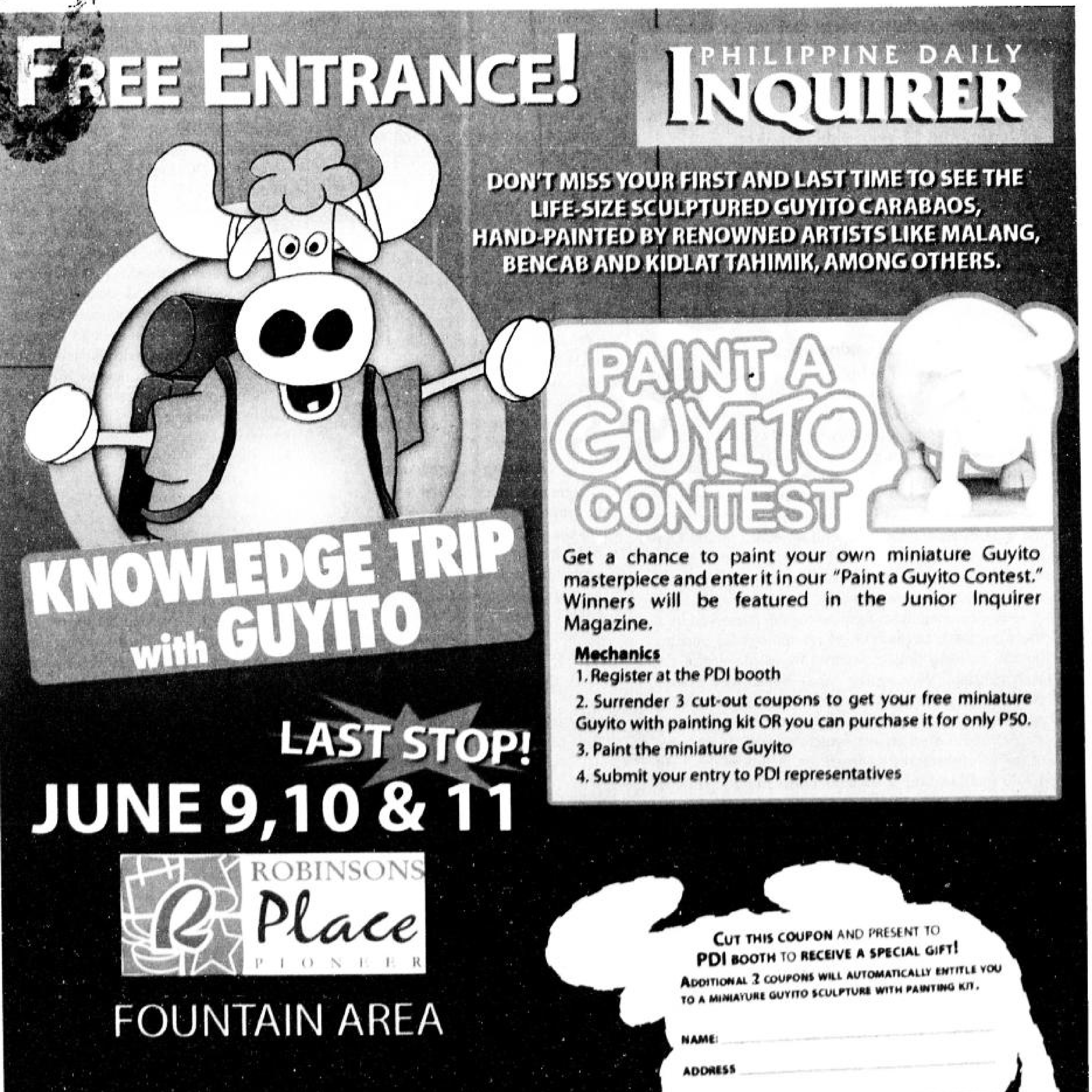

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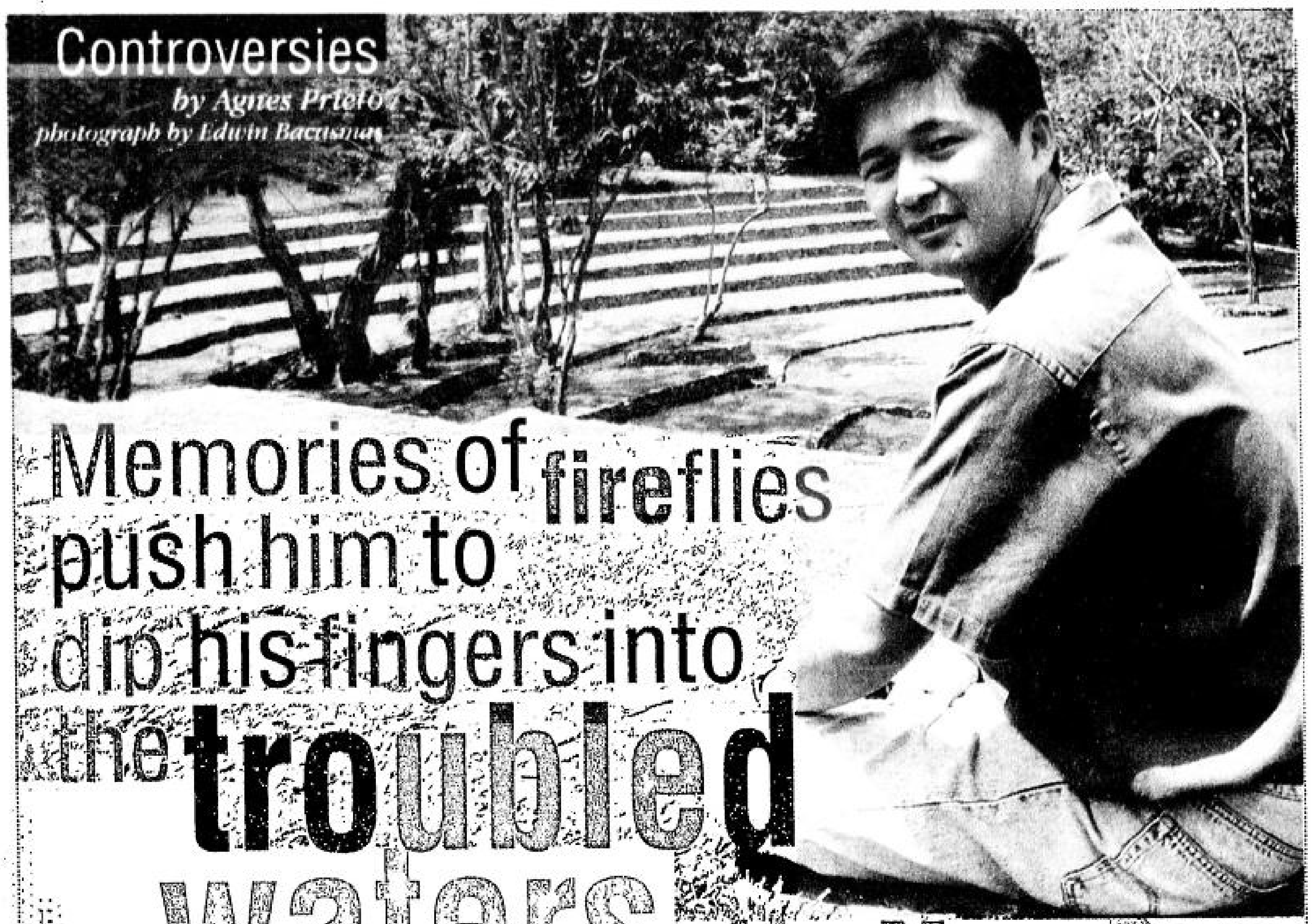

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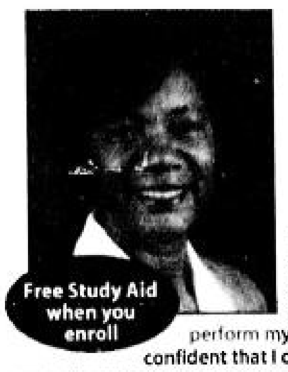

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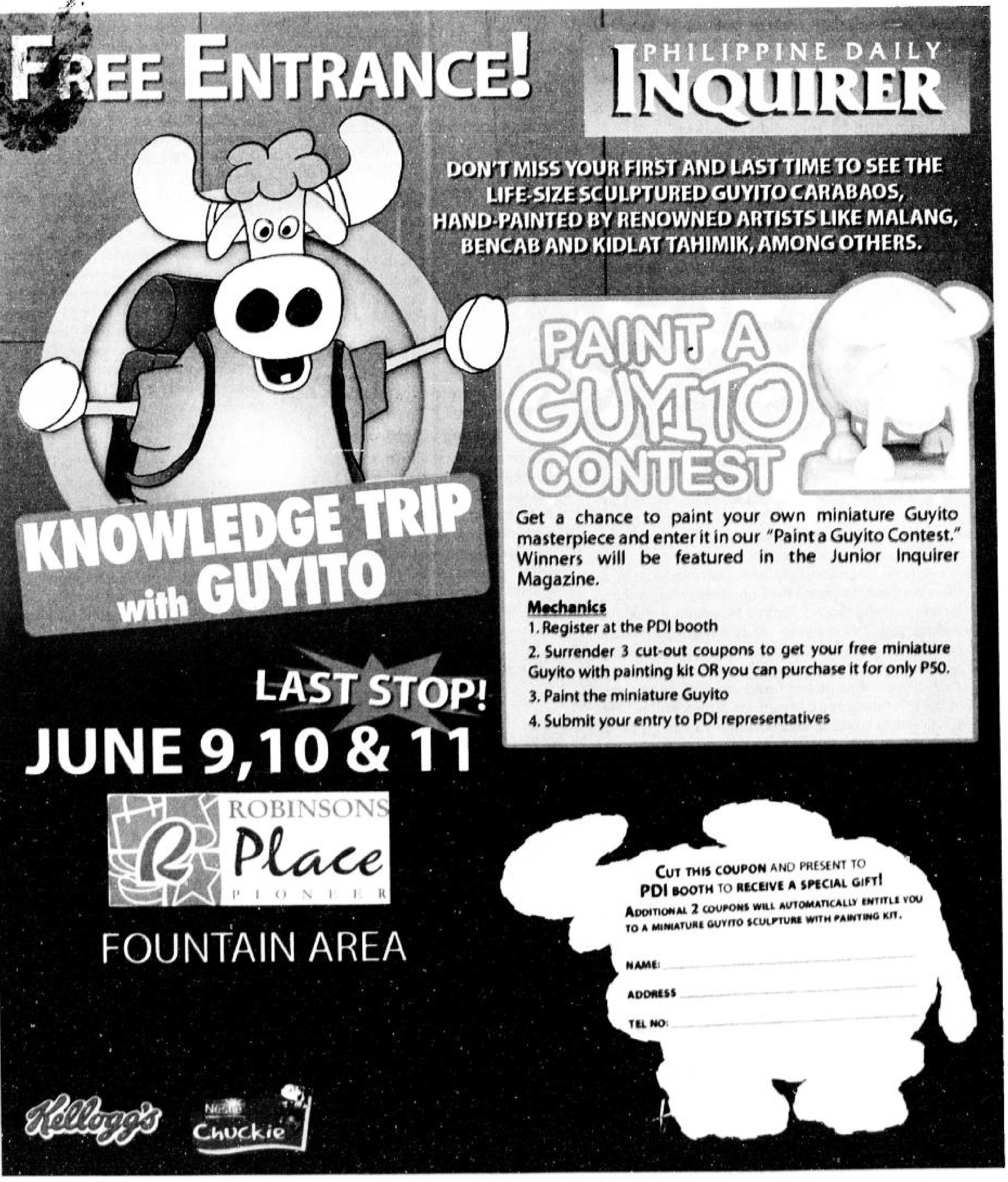

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Dammit, he's been for the common man all his life, so why shouldn't he support a housing project for workers?

Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman offers no apologies to environmentalists for supporting a project that they claim could adversely affect the La Mesa reservoir. That's not surprising; he's always taken an independent stance on controversial issues including the debt cap, Arroyo's impeachment, and limiting the size of the Filipino family

EP. Edcel Lagman walks into the session hall of the House of Representatives in Quezon City like he were entering his own home. His steps are short and slow, but there's no ignoring his presence.

Now on his fourth term as representative of the first district of Albay, Lagman wears his passionate stand on issues on his sleeve. "I am issue-oriented," he declares and indeed, the man often eschews party politics in favor of candor.

As a House staff member observes, people who hear his strong words end up either loving or hating the 64-year-old lawmaker.

That doesn't seem to bother the gray-haired Lagman. Speaking up, whatever the cost, seems to run in the family. Lagman's brother, Hermon, also a lawyer and an anti-Marcos activist, disappeared and is presumed to have been salvaged by the military at the height of martial law in 1977. Filemon, his youngest brother more popularly known as *Ka* Popoy, who once joined the underground Left, was murdered at the UP campus a few years back.

Speaking up

The eldest in a brood of five, Lagman himself has been known to be a firm and outspoken oppositionist since the time of President Marcos. A recent tussle involved the Catholic Church which took issue with his public support of family planning that some quarters have interpreted as a "two-child policy."

More controversial still is Lagman's latest crusade: the staunch defense of a proposed housing site at the La Mesa Dam that, environmentalists claim, could contaminate the water supply of some 12 million Metro Manila residents. Characteristically, he seems unfazed at the brickbats thrown his way.

To environmentalists fighting for the preservation of the watershed, Lagman offers no apology for pushing for the housing project secured by employees of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) 38 years ago through a collective bargaining agreement that the Supreme Court upheld in January 1975. The housing project, which involves 58 hectares of the 2,700-hectare La Mesa Dam facility, will benefit 1,411 families and is located north of the La Mesa reservoir.

"My advocacy is principally for the welfare of the working man, and that's why I am helping them pro bono (for free)," says this congressman who was born on Labor Day, May 1,1942. He has been handling the case since 1998, he says, and has known the workers' union's former president, Genaro Bautista, from way, way back.

Lagman says the paranoia of environmentalists is just that—paranoia. "It has no basis." He dismisses as misinformed the well-meaning signatories opposing the project. Quoting former officials of the MWSS, the Public Works, and the Environment and Natural Resources departments, he insists that the project is not environmentally critical and that mitigating measures can be put in place.

Lagman cites former DENR Secretary Victor Ramos' letter to then Sen. Heherson Alvarez on June 3, 1997, which stated that the housing project "is not considered environmentally critical."

Same sentiments

DENR Director Corazon Davis echoed the same sentiments on May 4, 2001 in a letter to MWSS Administrator Jose Mabanta, adds the congressman.

"Let us then give our arguments to the DENR, and let the DENR decide," Lagman declares.

The Albay representative clearly sees the issue as one involving the haves and have-nots. "When poor men attempt to venture into something which is a little better than their wretched existence, like a having a house and lot of their own, monkey wrenches are thrown their way. But when rich men deign to elevate themselves further even to high heavens, they get their way virtually unopposed," he says.

Quoting the SC decision, he adds: "The common man, like, for example, a salaried employee is entitled not only to a little more food in his stomach, a little more clothing on his back, and a little more shelter over his head—but also a lot, even small, where he can build his house and establish a permanent abode. The government, as the biggest employer, should be the first to help its employees in the solution of the housing problem."

Walking a tightrope

Lagman admits that he is walking a tightrope in fighting a giant institution like the ABS-CBN Foundation, a critic of the housing project, as well as environmental groups that seem to have the moral high ground on the issue. But while he says he's sensitive to public opinion, the congressman points out that being a local politician, his popularity—or notoriety, as his detractors would call it—as a result of his stance on national issues does not get in the way of his political career. "In local politics, what matters most is that one can address the needs of his district. That's basic. No amount of advocacies in Congress will earn one the respect and support of his constituencies if he fails them."

The seasoned politician got his start in government in 1967, when former Executive Secretary Rafael Salas, one of his UP law professors, asked him to join the legal staff in Malacanang. "I am a Salas boy," declares Lagman, an honor student at UP. Soon enough, however, he became bored with his job at the Palace and decided to accept the offer by Supreme Court Justice Fred Ruiz Castro to join his staff. "I gained a lot of knowledge and self-confidence there. But the job was monastic, I had to leave." In 1970, he joined the staff of then Sen. Salvador Laurel. "We worked so hard, because Doy wanted to be president," he reveals.

Shortly after the February 1986 EDSA revolution, Lagman was appointed budget undersecretary, with today's Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo, as his boss. In 1987, he ran and was elected to Congress under House Speaker Ramon Mitra's Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino.

He has since been strongly advocating for laws seeking to put a cap on debt servicing, limiting the number of children, the abolition of the death penalty, the protection of Filipino workers, consumers and students, and the prevention of summary execution and involuntary disappearance, among others.

Family man: (Clockwise from top left) Daughters Larah, Krisel and Karina and wife Ma. Cielo

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Undeterred

Some of his bills have passed the House, but failed to make it through the Senate. He has remained undeterred, pushing for his bills through his second, third and now, his fourth term. "The Senate is the graveyard of legislation," he laughs, unmindful of the probable violent reactions from his colleagues at the other chamber.

In his own House a few months back, Lagman came under fire from his own colleagues in the opposition when he raised "prejudicial questions" at the height of the hearings on the impeachment of President Arroyo. "I was accused of having turned my back to the progressive movement by defending GMA. I have not. I remain steadfast on my advocacies. My anti-impeachment position has only infused credibility to the defense of GMA. It has elevated the rule of law over partisan hyperbole. What I did was purely a legal pursuit. (The opposition) should have come more prepared."

Lagman is one of the 23 remaining original members of the 1987 Congress who religiously go to the session hall to attend sessions and committee hearings, regardless of the many issues calendared for floor deliberations. "It has become a habit for old hands like us. We are ready to debate anyone on any issue. This is a deliberative body, and we should be worth it. You wouldn't see a different Edcel Lagman, not in the next few years. I have no plans of retiring yet."

Lagman is married to Cielo, a retired schoolteacher, with whom he has seven children, four boys and three girls, including former Albay Representative Krisel Lagman-Luistro. Q

LoveNotes

by Joe 'D Mango

Freedom from the past

I admit I'm still not over Mark. But then, I'm scared of taking another risk and be sorry my whole life

Dear Joe,

I met Mark in college. He was handsome and seemed to be nice and very generous. Even though I liked him from the start, I made the courtship last for about five months before I finally said "yes" to him.

Our first six months were blissfull, full of the purest of love. Eventually, we became intimate with each other. Giving yourself to someone you love means you want to be with him for the rest of your life, and that was how I considered our relationship. We're both Filipino-Chinese and our families were suppportive of our relationship.

Then my best friend told me how she once saw Mark holding hands with a girl as they entered the cinema in a mall. I didn't believe her and that strained our friendship. I only realized that my best friend Joyce was telling the truth one night when the girl called me asking if Mark and I were still together. I told her that we were very much together and were already engaged. The girl met me at a restaurant and, to my shock, showed me all her pictures with Mark, his hand-written letters and the notes from the flowers he had sent her. I wanted to die that very instant. It wasn't just the fact that Mark cheated on me, but seeing the photos of them together at the same places he used to take me, hit me like a bullet straight to the heart. The girl left me alone in the restaurant crying. No apologies. Maybe what she wanted was to make me leave Mark.

I never told Mark about my meeting with his other girl. Instead, I played the martyr and pretended to be blind and deaf, hoping that somehow I could win Mark's heart back and he would forget the girl. But I failed, and after five foolish months, I finally gave up.

Years have passed, but the hurt and the longing for Mark are still here. I tried to open my heart to others and had two unsuccessful relationships after Mark. I had a hard time trusting men and developed an attitude of just giving up when things are getting a little shaky. My last relationship was okay. The guy really loved me and took care of me. The only problem was, he's not Chinese. I may not have loved the guy like I loved Mark, but I rebelled just to seek contentment and, hopefully, happiness. I got pregnant and got married in civil rites. Still, I wasn't happy and the marriage wasn't working.

My family hid me to escape the shame and disgrace from our relatives and friends. For me, it wasn't that bad. I don't really care about what other people say about how I run my life. But then I have wronged my parents and so to make up for it, I followed what they wanted. When I gave birth to my son, he provided all the happiness I ever longed to have. My baby has a very distinctive Chinese look. He was the tie that bonded my family back together. My best friend and I became friends again and became closer than ever. And she is also the godmother of my baby.

Mark and I did not keep in touch. I only heard of news about him through common friends. I thought that was how it's

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People for the Planet

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She works like a dog to get animals treated like humans

Although she found rescuing stray dogs easier than talking to politicos, PAWS director Anna Hashim-Cabrera and her group lobbied hard enough to get the Animal Welfare Act passed. This time, she's heading an information campaign to curb dog meat eating in the country

GROWING up in a house full of cats did not only teach Anna Nieves Hashim-Cabrera to be more compassionate; it also led her to become a staunch animal welfare advocate who would fight for an animal's right to be treated humanely.

Now on her ninth year with the Philippine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), Cabrera recently received a grant from the Hong Kong-based Animals Asia Foundation to spearhead an education project to curb dog meat eating in the Philippines.

"I am just a drop in the bucket," says Cabrera, "but that drop can create ripples."

A news photo in the INQUIRER drove her to do something for animals, she recalls. She was in college when she saw a picture of a cat being pulled out of a sack, with the caption recounting how the four-legged creature and others more were rescued from someone who sells them to medical students for experiment purposes.

"We had cats that disappeared from our house before. I was upset that our cat, Prince, might be one of them," says Cabrera, who got her maiden name from her Lebanese great-grandfather married to a Filipina.

Long before that fateful day, Cabrera and her family have been known to be cat rescuers in their community in Sta. Mesa, Manila. They were also known to talk to pets in the house like humans. "All our cats and dogs are native," says Cabrera. "We've never had any purebred in the house."

Milk of kindness: Anna feeds a tiny kitten

They had over 30 cats at one time. Her father, Eduardo, a mechanical engineer, used to collect spoiled fish in the market to feed the stray cats they had picked up from the streets. "One time, a fish vendor couldn't take it anymore and asked our father about the fish he buys," she recounts. "*Nahahabag na yata sa amin kasi puro bilasa ang binibili ng* father *ko* (She probably pitied us because our father buys only spoiled fish)." Her father's compassionate stance for all living creatures made an impression on her and her sister, Beth.

One particular feline

She recalls how once, in child's play, she hit a colony of ants on the wall. Her father gently remonstrated: "If they are not bothering you, why do you have to kill them? They are storing food for the rainy season."

He was right, of course, she adds.

Of all the cats they sheltered, one particular feline still brings tears to her eyes. They were still living in Bulacan then; Delilah, a sickly cat, was born with an illness that brought constant pus to her eyes which Cabrera and her sister tirelessly wiped with wet cotton balls. They weren't that aware of veterinarians then, so they themselves gave Delilah her antibiotics. It was sheer love that made Delilah live until adolescence. Frail and skinny, the cat died soon after.

"It was really heartbreaking," Cabrera says. "And like many other animal lovers whose pets had died, I wanted to be a vet then."

A few years after graduating with a BS Commerce degree and a major in Economics from the University of Sto. Tomas, she looked for an animal welfare group where she could volunteer. Her search led her to the home of PAWS president Nita "Tata" Lichauco in Horseshoe Drive, Quezon City. Lichauco was talking to five other volunteers when she arrived. It was the beginning of a dedicated advocacy work for Cabrera, who has been PAWS director since 1998 and currently leads the Committee on Humane Education. As such, she conducts orientation for new volunteers and teaches humane education in schools.

Although there is a growing number of individuals who have become more aware of animal welfare and animal cruelty issues, the Philippines has a long way to go, says Cabrera. "We are more reactive than preventive," she says of how Filipinos deal with instances of animal cruelty.

Cycle of cruelty

The cycle of cruelty and violence on animals revisits itself on people, she says. "People often whine about what our society has come to, but when they see a child kicking a kitten or a puppy, they just ignore it," says this 32-year-old bank employee.

Education should start early, she adds. "At a young age, a child's sense of morals becomes blur," says Cabrera. "A child could think that this creature deserves cruelty while another does not. But cruelty in any form and to any creature is still cruelty."

Part of the problem, she says, is the perception about animals and animal activists. "People forget that animals are part of nature," Cabrera observes. "It's so easy for other activists, say the environmentalists, to say 'Let's save the trees,' and they don't get any flak for that.

"But the animal welfare people always get questions like 'What's more important, people or animals?' Critics tend to bring themselves out of the animal kingdom when in fact we are very much a part of that circle." She notes that the Philippines ranks fifth on rabies deaths in the world because "We don't prioritize animal issues."

Humane education

Cabrera was a scholar of the Humane Society of the United States in 2001 during its annual Animal Expo. She was also an intern at the Pasadena SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). For someone from a Third World country, visits to the Houston SPCA and the San Francisco SPCA can be overwhelming. She saw shelters filled with donations of used cars and kennel cabs. At one time, she wanted to bring home some of the cabs because PAWS only had five then.

In a recent visit to Anaheim, California in March, Cabrera was invited to speak on humane education. She amazed the crowd with the effectiveness of her approach. She had composed two songs to teach children in school what it means to love animals. She also discussed the controversial issue of dog meat eating in the country and was able to gather signatures from the fellows in that meet.

Cabrera's rescue of cats in the streets led her to the halls of the Senate just two years into her volunteer work. In 1998, animal welfare advocates were met with the daunting task of lobbying for the very first animal welfare law in the country.

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year memorandum of agreement with the MWSS in 1999 to rehabilitate and operate the La Mesa watershed. Using funds solicited from private donors, the group set up tree nurseries that cover 1,340 hectares as of end 2005, according to Fernandez. Their target is 1,500 hectares within this year, he adds.

"Much of the success can be credited to our expert team of foresters and crew of workers, many of them volunteers, who both maintain the trees and act as foot patrols for security and protection. It is unfortunate that in the process of restoring the forest, our bunkhouse was burned, one of our workers was beheaded and his wife gang raped. The child of another worker also died," recounts Fernandez.

To sustain their protection activities and generate steady revenues, Bantay Kalikasan joined forces with the MWSS and the Quezon City government to develop the recreation area now known as the La Mesa Eco-park in East Fairview. The park was opened to the public in April 2004.

Says Fernandez: "It was a very challenging situation because unlike other property development companies, we had no money; only a dream that hopefully people will buy into." He adds: "Developing the park was not easy. The first step was to relocate over 200 informal settlers and then visioning the concept, with architects Francisco Mañosa and Jun Palafox enhancing the existing layout, structures and attractions in the park."

But the efforts were worth it, he points out. "I will never forget the sense of fulfilment I got just watching a young couple with their baby in a stroller all set for a quiet family picnic under the trees. That was when I realized how much impact this project has on the lives of ordinary folk, especially their children."

Fernandez should know. He himself has three children: Pilar, 4; Jaime, 3, and Julia, 1. Together with wife Myrna, he regularly brings the kids to the eco-park.

The park might as well be his fourth child, the way he describes its offerings proudly: "We guarantee clean restrooms, a landscaped garden and slopes planted with flowers, the landmark being the Shell flower terraces. One swampy area is now the site of the Petron outdoor amphitheater." There's also a pool, an orchidarium set up by Sen. Franklin Drilon as a memorial for his first wife, a fitness and nature trail, a pond for fishing, and a boating lagoon revived by the Aboitiz transport group.

It's just too bad that the housing controversy should come up just when the project is poised to finally become self sustaining, sighs Fernandez. "What is the use of all these efforts if the integrity of the watershed is placed at risk?"

The issue, he adds, can be solved immediately by declaring the watershed as a protected area. "It does not need a Senate fact-finding committee to eventually come to this conclusion. All it needs is political will, just one stroke of the pen which will ensure the purity of the drinking water of 12 million people and the preservation of the forest and wildlife in the area," he says.

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Eco-Park regulars: Fernandez with wife Myrna and children Jaime, Julia and Pilar

Dreaming big

Beyond the La Mesa Eco-Park project, Fernandez continues to dream big. His wish list outlines what he'd like to do, given the chance. "I would require all developers to undertake environment-friendly projects, not only in terms of waste management but in providing buildings that allow in more natural light and require less electricity to cool. I'd like to see more communities that promote walking and biking."

He'd also like to impose a socialized form of tax on pollutants, including cars in Metro Manila and corporations that release wastes in the environment. "The funds raised can be used to implement air pollution monitoring and control devices," says Fernandez.

But more importantly, he adds, he'd make sure that environment laws are reviewed regularly, "to make sure that they are simple, easy to understand and enforceable, so that everyone can get involved in protecting what is rightly theirs—the future."

Learn more about the Save La Mesa Dam campaign through http://www.lamesaecopark.com

In Memoriam

by Rowena Carranza-Paraan

His program was called 'Kulog at Kidlat' maybe because the man himself was a virtual force of nature

FOR most people in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, Kulog at Kidlat (thunder and lightning) didn't bode stormy weather, but two hours of bombastic comments on the political goings-on around them.

It also meant listening to Fernando "Dong" Batul, whose blistering commentaries over DYPS were likened to forces of nature, so sweeping were their effects.

BANDILLO NG PALAWAN

Lifeline: Donations often poured in through the phone after Batul's public service announcements in his radio program

Batul, who became both "Kulog at Kidlat" when his more senior co-host left for another station, found himself in the eye of the storm when his program became a runaway hit. It was, according to journalist Yasmin Arquiza who has lived in Palawan for 13 years, "simply phenomenal."

"People don't usually listen to radio in the evening because they would rather watch TV. But for the first time, many listeners were tuned in to radio because of Dong Batul. His program was wildly popular. Even if you didn't listen to it, you were bound to hear other people talking in the morning about what he said the previous night," Arquiza added.

Some might say that Batul's style was "too bombastic" and emotional, but both friends and critics agree that the 36-year-old broadcaster had captured the heart of Palaweños with his strong sense of right and wrong.

Whether the issue concerns a city councillor berating a tricycle driver or the alleged corruption of Puerto Princesa Mayor and close GMA ally Edward Hagedorn, Batul reacted strongly and criticized the concerned officials relentlessly on air.

Uncompromising

Lawyer Lito Aliswag, a friend and co-host of Batul in another radio program, likened Batul's intensity to that of slain activist Lean Alejandro, with whom Aliswag worked during his activist days under the Marcos and Aquino governments. "He was, like Lean, passionate, uncompromising and principled," said Aliswag.

Batul, the son of a carpenter and a market vendor, grew up in the poor district of Quito, Puerto Princesa. His Cuyunon accent, always the butt of jokes among his friends, was something that he had never quite gotten rid of, despite years in broadcasting.

Dr. Gerry Ortega, former station manager of DYPR where Batul would later transfer, described the broadcaster as something of a local hero who helped people through his radio program: "People followed his program like a *telenovela*. Dong would interview people in need and open the phone lines. A short while later, he'd be able to raise the funds needed. The people themselves solved the problem, they'd contribute. *Nagpapatak-patak sila*. Even children gave up part of their allowance to help. *Grabe ang hatak*. (His influence was incredible)"

DYPR station owner Lulu Ilustre confirmed this. "He was the only announcer in Palawan who can raise funds within his broadcast hour. The money was delivered to the station, or pledged through the phone."

Such influence must have convinced Batul to enter politics despite earlier declarations on air that he'd never do so. Fe Latorre, Batul's sister, said her brother had thought he could help change Palawan politics and make people more interested in what was happening.

Batul ran for vice mayor of Puerto Princesa in 2001 and won as expected. But he was unseated on his second year in office after a recount of ballots. His opponents said he cheated and engaged in vote-buying.

Too indifferent

Said Arquiza: "Nobody believed he did not win. During his campaign, Batul would speak last instead of the mayoralty candidate because his speech was the climax of the program. People would stay and wait for him to speak. His charisma was that strong."

But it would appear that the Palaweños, including Batul's listeners, were too indifferent to what was happening. "They did not fight for him," lamented Latorre, noting how Batul lost when he again ran for vice mayor in 2004.

Some might say that radio commentator Dong Batul's style was too bombastic and emotional, but most listeners agree that the man, shot dead on May 22, had captured the heart of Palaweños with his strong sense of right and wrong

Batul went back to his first love, the radio, after a short-lived traumatic political career. This time, he joined DYPR, the oldest radio station in Palawan. His program from 6:30 to 9 a.m. was now called "Bastonero," with an opening spiel that talks of, among others, how the cane parted the Red Sea and helped Israelites escape Egypt, how the cane guides and helps the elderly, and how it can also be used to correct irregularities and injustice.

The firebrand immediately dominated the morning airwaves, with the mayor as the primary target of most of his tirades. Among radio commentators, Batul was the only one who openly—and relentlessly—criticized Hagedorn. As the environmental weekly, Bandillo ng Palawan, said in its editorial, "In a city where government corruption is often talked about in whispers and most anomalies are simply swept under the rug, Dong Batul had the courage to take his crusade to the airwaves."

Batul also deplored media corruption. One of his regular spiels was a warning against "AC-DC" journalists who were on the take. He went on to describe in detail how they operated and how they can be identified.

When the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas (KBP) and Radio Research Council released its survey late last year, Batul's program was voted number one in Palawan.

Such a distinction must have infuriated his enemies because Batul soon began receiving death threats, including two live grenades thrown at their house in April. The grenades failed to explode but the message was clear. Batul said on air that he believed it was God who kept the grenades from exploding and saved him, his mother and his sisters' families. He also lambasted the radio commentators from rival stations who insinuated that the incident was staged so he could gain more attention.

Serious threats

But the death threats were serious. At 6:35 a.m. of May 22, two men aided by a lookout shot Batul 12 times just 100 meters from the radio station. The "Bastonero ng Palawan" was on his way to the station for his morning program. Six of the bullets hit him in the head. The killers had used .45 cal. and 9-mm pistols, wore helmets to hide their faces and got away on a motorcycle.

Badul did not survive this time.

PO1 Aron Gulifardo, a policeman who reportedly held a grudge against Batul because the broadcaster had criticized him on air, was arrested shortly after. Grieving family members and friends, however, were quick to point a finger at Hagedorn although the mayor had offered a reward of P500,000 for information that would lead to the capture of the killers.

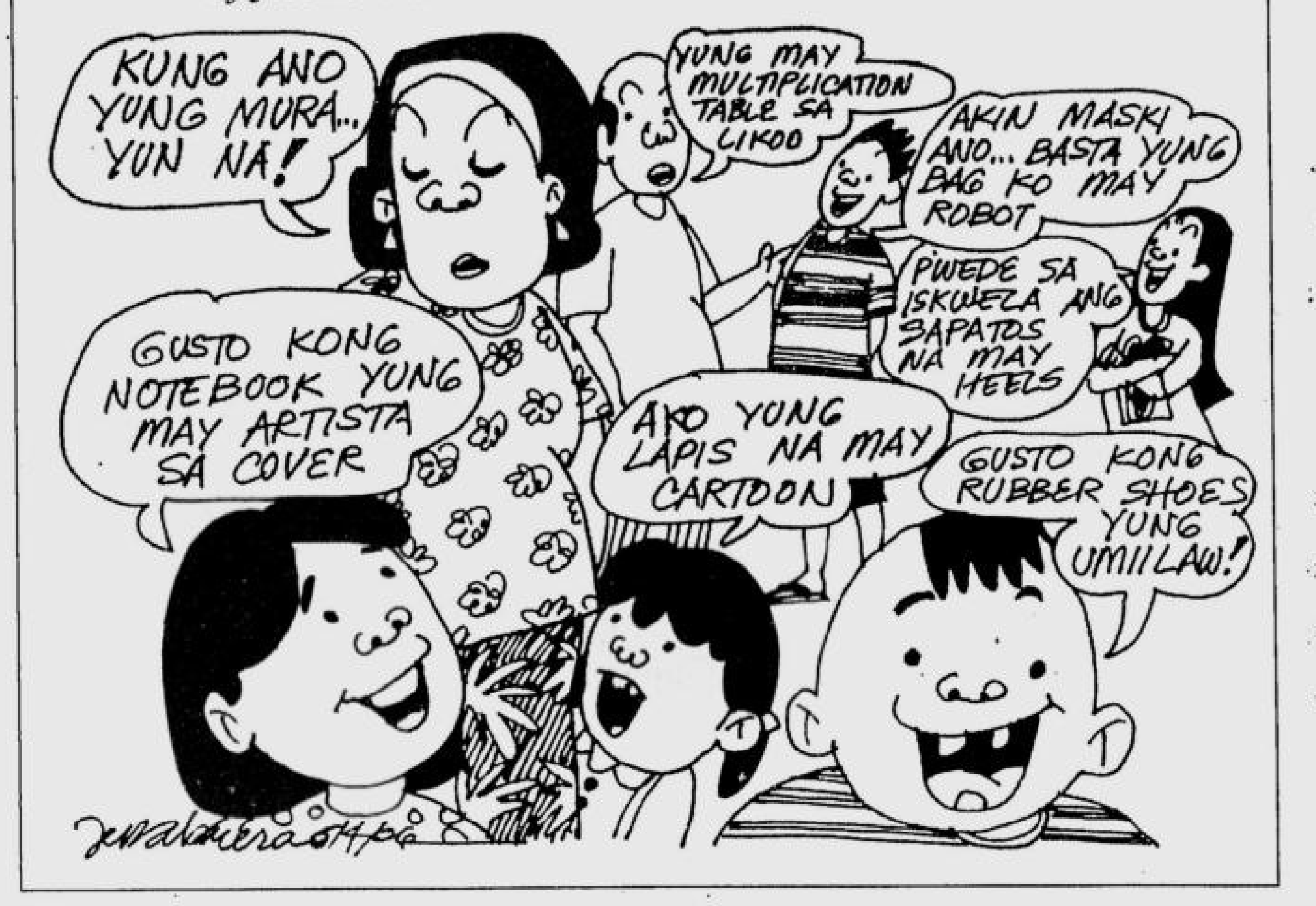
As of this writing, Batul's remains are at the Princesa Funeral Parlor, visited by hundreds of his friends and listeners every night. Tricycle drivers spoke of their outrage at the killing even to strangers. Vendors shook their heads. Phoned-in comments to DYPR included appeals for justice for Palawan's most popular broadcaster.

They all remember Batul's ending spiel in his program: "*Ang mali, nilalabanan. Ang tama, ipinaglalaban*. (Fight against what's wrong, fight for what's right)." Would that Palaweños heed it this time and fight for their hero! Q

Pinoy Nga!

by Jess Abrera

Gamit sa Iskul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going to be until Mark came over to our house. After four years, he had the gall to face me like nothing wrong had happened. He held my hand and said sorry. For me, sorry wasn't enough. I wanted to slap him but I couldn't. I just cried and spilled out what I wanted to tell him for a long time. After I had unloaded all my misery, I felt a little better. He mentioned my baby, told me that he looked like me. I just said, "Yeah, he could have been yours and mine anyway." He quickly changed the topic and talked about his work.

Our conversation ended quite well. For me, I said what I had to say. It was a relief but then I still miss him.

Joe, I admit I'm still not over Mark. What he said before he left my house gave me hope to pursue what my heart tells me to do. But then, I'm scared of taking another risk and be sorry my whole life.

Ivy

Dear Ivy,

I wanted to tell you that things would have been a lot less complicated had you not rebelled and married for the wrong reason. But I guess it's too late now. You are married to your lawful husband and it doesn't really matter if you still love each other or not. You will remain married to each other unless you opt to legitimately put an end to it.

This is just the other side of the coin. Another equally important aspect of this dilemma is Mark and your feelings for each other. You still love him up to now. You are still hoping against all hope that he will find his way back to you. He did but he left you hanging with a wishful hope of a reunion which may or may not happen at all.

Ivy, I have always believed that there is nothing wrong with loving a person but when our world stops because of that love, when we lose sight of our own selves because of our longing to be with someone, when we begin to compromise in favor of what our heart dictates, then we will lose our ability to act and think rationally and make sensible decisions.

Having all your sentiments made known to Mark is one giant step to freedom. Freedom from your past. Ivy, no one knows what the future holds for us. Let us all make the best of today so we can always look back with a smile and look forward to tomorrow with the hope of not making the same mistakes again and the hope of finding love that will last us our lifetime. Q

She works

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While working in a bank, Cabrera would often skip lunch and visit the Senate building nearby to fish out information on the schedule of the next reading. Together with other volunteers, she also explained to the senators the importance of the bill.

"It was easier for me to rescue a fierce dog than talk to politicians," she confesses.

Undaunted and determined, Cabrera and her group continued their lobbying efforts until RA 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 was finally passed. The law prohibits the torture, maltreatment and use of animals in research or experiements without permission from the Committee on Animal Welfare.

Married to Jojo Cabrera, a credit officer, for five years now, Cabrera feels lucky to have a family who understands her passion. "I thank God that I have a supportive husband," she says. "He doesn't like animals the way my original family does, but he has been very patient." His only request is that cats be off-limits in their bedroom. Cabrera grew up sleeping with cats beside her.

But she has slowly influenced her husband, she says impishly. "Once I saw him gently caressing our cat and talking to him like a human being."

On the other hand, Cabrera says her husband has also influenced her to become more patient and forgiving when it comes to her advocacy. Instead of being fiery and outspoken and antagonizing the other party, she could try a more positive approach, Jojo reminds her every now and then.

Daughter Mary Joanna is apparently taking after her mom. Although still in the explorative stage of pulling the cats' tails, the four-year-old responds well to Cabrera's reminder for her to touch the feline gently. Cabrera admits that sometimes her advocacy cuts into their family time but she believes it is her way of giving back to the community.

PAWS now has its own shelter, the PAWS Animal Rehabilitation Center in Quezon City, but Cabrera says the dream doesn't stop there. In her lifetime, she still hopes to see animal welfare prioritized in decision-making both in the local and national government level. Q

2nd Pana Badminton Cup: A 'smashing' success!

AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL 2005 Pana Badminton Cup, member-companies of the Philippine Association of National Advertisers gathered once again with their best badminton players to compete in the most-awaited 2nd Pana Badminton Cup. Held last May 27, at the posh "The Zone" Badminton Courts in Makati City, the competition attracted a total of 21 corporate teams from the biggest advertisers in the country.

Participating teams were: Alaska, Comfoods, East West Bank, Equitable PCI Bank, Fujitsu Philippines, Globe Telecom (Teams A and B), Land Bank, McDonalds', PhilAm Life, Philippine Airlines, PLDT, Philippine National Bank, Plantersbank, Procter & Gamble, Prudential Life, Sara Lee Philippines, Security Bank, Siemens (Teams Red and Green), and Splash. Each team brought its own cheering squad to keep spirits high and bouncy.

In the end, the much-coveted championship trophies went to the Philippine Airlines team as it emerged victorious for the 2nd time around in the Group A Category and to Fujitsu who won first place in the Group B Category. Runners-up were PhilAm Life and Land Bank for Groups A and B, respectively.

An estimated crowd of 300 consisting of players and spectators came to witness the action-packed tournament hosted by TV personality and Events Management Expert, Ms Ericka Fife. And to make things even more exciting, the organizers invited 4 of the best players of the Philippine Badminton Association namely: Mark Alvin Natividad, Jaime Junio, Arolas "Bogs" Amahit, and Lloyd Escoses for an exhibition game that truly inspired the participating teams to play better and aim higher in badminton.

The 2nd Pana Badminton Cup was organized by Badminton Asia, together with the support of Burlington Socks, Security Bank, American Express, Land Bank, and other Pana member-companies who gave out numerous raffle prizes and products which filled the loot bags of all those who have attended.

PANA Badminton Cup

PANA president Blen Fernando, Pana treasurer and tournament chair Bobby Banaag, and tournament chair and international referee Rod Hinanay lead the ceremonial serve.

PANA treasurer and tournament chair Bobby Banaag with event's host Ericka Fife.

Philippine Airlines

PRUDENTIAL Life Team Captain Aly Reyes leads players to the oath of sportsmanship.

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GLOBE, INNOVE SUPPORT THE 11TH ICT PROFESSIONALS' CONGRESS

Globe Telecom and Innove Communications support the Philippine Computer Society's (PCS) 11th Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Professionals' Congress happening on June 5-7, at Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila. With the theme 'Wireless Nation: Link Up and Live IT', the event will focus on Mobile Commerce and Wireless Technology. Globe and Innove's corporate business brands GlobeSolutions and GlobeQUEST will join the exhibit at the 3-day ICT Congress. Sealing the partnership are (from left) Globe senior marketing manager Jay Perez, PCS vice president Titus Manuel, PCS president Elena Van Tooren and Innove corporate sales head Aries Sayson.

Central Park: Enriching family and community relations

VERDANA HOMES MAMPLASAN, THE NEWEST development of Community Innovations in Biñan, Laguna recently launched The Central Park.

Families who attended the opening of the Park were treated to basketball, swimming and zips sports clinics. For the children, Community Innovations prepared activities such as a movie marathon and kids' crafts which took place at Central Park's air-conditioned function room.

A two-hectare virtual resort/sports and recreation center, The Central Park features amenities that every member of the family can indulge in. "Whatever your age and preferences are, you will find something exciting to do in The Central Park," says Efren Tan, vice president for sales of Community Innovations. The Park features top-of-the-line facilities including a 25-meter lap pool, kiddie pool, bicycle lane, skating rink, two covered badminton courts, kids' pavilion, a gazebo, and open playfields.

Centrally located in the property and within walking distance from most units, the amenities at the Park allow the family to wind down and spend time together after a long work week without traffic inconveniences.

"Parents work hard during the weekdays. When the weekends come, they look forward to spending it with their children. The fact that the amenities can be found within the property and are within walking distance from their residence makes it easy for them to enjoy the company of their family," says Eunice Acejo, marketing services manager of Community Innovations.

The Park's amenities and its accessibility also encourage the community to converge during the weekend. According to Iris Josef, project development manager of Community Innovations, "Verdana aspires to bring back the old Filipino tradition of having a comfortable relationship with the neighbors. The Park plays an important role in achieving this as it provides different activities that support community interaction."

With its expansive area and the numerous options that it provides through its amenities, different activities can be done simultaneously at the Park.

While Verdana is a suburban community, it features modern amenities and facilities that surpass those offered in city. "The amenities are tailor fit for Verdana residents. Our residents are upwardly

mobile. They are aware of the latest trends and are used to convenience. Even if they go to the suburbs, they will expect for activities that they are used to. Through its modern amenities and conveniences, Verdana responds to their lifestyle requirements," says Josef.

On top of its superior recreational facilities, Verdana also offers its residents the advantage of being within comfortable distance from commercial areas, schools and the city. The subdivision is in close proximity to shopping centers such as the Paseo de Sta. Rosa and educational institutions in Laguna such as St. Scholastica, Don Bosco, and Brent International School.

Residents can shuttle from home to the workplace conveniently as the Mamplasan exit is only a kilometer away from Verdana. Mamplasan serves as the most convenient access road that bridges Metro Manila and the Calabarzon region.

Verdana is maintained by the Ayala Property Management Corp (APMC), a most trusted name in real estate property supervision. APMC ensures that amenities in the property are looked after for years to come. APMC also enriches the community by spearheading community activities that foster ties among neighbors.

Community Innovations is an Ayala Land company that builds balanced, harmonious communities with a sense of fun, where the living experience enhances the lifestyles and fulfills the aspirations of its customers.

For inquiries call them at (02)888-0000, e-mail at cii-sales@ayalaland.com.ph or visit the website at www.communityinnovations.com.ph.

Nestlé gives day-out treat for Lipa moms

MORE THAN 60 WOMEN EXPErienced a day filled with fitness activities, practical tips and information on wellness topped with fun and prizes during the Nestlé Mom's Day-Out recently at the Learning Center in Lipa. Nestlé's Lipa Factory organized a Day-Out treat for the spouses of employees to represent various levels and departments.

Kicking off the Mom's Day-Out event is a wellness activity of morning exercises conducted by A+ Fitness and the Corporate Wellness Team. For a better understanding of their family's health, Pediatric Pulmonologist Dr. Joseph Mangonon gave a lecture on lung diseases typically found in infants and children. Dr. Mangonon also explained the signs, symptoms, and treatments available for each disease.

How to maximize tight budgets is a primary concern for mothers. The presentation dubbed "Mommy Wise, Money Wise" by former actress and Parenting Consultant Maricel Laxa-Pangilinan tackled money management issues like teaching children how to value money, wise spending, and investment strategies. Moms also learned how to prepare budget meals from the cooking demo given by the Julius Maggi Kitchen team.

Catching the mom's full attention is Nestlé Lipa Factory HR head Froy Dimaculangan's presentation on the company's retirement benefits for Nestlé employees. The non-contributory and contributory plans were explained, which elicited great interest from the participants.

Nestlé Lipa factory head Nes Mercado and Ms Pangilinan capped off the event by awarding each mom a Certificate of Attendance for the "Mommy Wise, Money Wise" lecture. Moms took home gifts like JMK aprons and Mom's Day-Out calculators; and enjoyed free sampling of Drumstick and Milo Bar Ice Cream.

At the end of the Mom's Day-Out treat in Lipa, each mom went home with a heightened consciousness on health and wealth management, strengthened ties with fellow spouses, and a better appreciation of their husbands' employment in Nestlé.

JJ Calero to chair Full Circle

JAVIER 'JJ' Calero

FULL CIRCLE Communications Inc (FCC), one of the country's leading homegrown public relations agencies, hailed advertising magnate Javier "JJ" Calero as its chairman.

FCC president Milen Sison-de Quiros announced that effective June 1, Calero will take his seat as the company's chairman.

Established in 2000, FCC was created to help both budding and established companies to attain a sustained, positive, and favorable image among their clients and stakeholders. It offers a wide range of services: PR counseling, executive speech training, research and evaluation, diversified communication tools, crisis communication, media analysis, community relations, product promotion, events management, public affairs, employee communications, and branding .

Calero, the former chair of J. Walter Thompson-Philippines, the advertising agency which handled such industry leaders as Jollibee, Close-up and Ponds, hopes to bring a dynastic momentum to FCC as he offers not just steady leadership but also brazen experiences.

For years, Calero has been a respected figure in the advertising industry. He has headed the Signium Ward Howell, and is currently the head honcho of Zenith Optimedia, an active member of the Publicis Group of Companies. As regional director of J. Walter Thompson Company, Calero handled countries like Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, and the Philippines where he assured that "the quality and standards that the offices were reporting to me followed the corporate standards." His undisputed management style as J. Walter Thompson Philippines' first Filipino general manager earned him an Agora Award for marketing management in 1987. He led the company to industry leadership increasing the billings from a mere 30 million pesos when he took over in 1976 to 267 million pesos by 1991.

Calero is presently the senior adviser for International Foundation for Elections System-Washington, D.C. He is currently working on "Strengthening National and Provincial Legislative Governance in Pakistan."

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BPI JUMPSTART TEAMS WITH NETOPIA

BPI Jumpstart teamed-up with Netopia to give teens more cool discounts. BPI Jumpstart accountholders can get the Netopia Discount Card for only P130 and 20 percent off on computer rentals and other services. Photo shows the contract signing of BPI and Netopia attended by (from left) Netopia product management and corporate sales supervisor Robert Dequito; Netopia marketing head Archiemedes Nicasio; BPI SVP Marie Josephine Ocampo; and BPI VP Carmencita Gozar. BPI Jumpstart is the newest deposit product of the Bank of Philippine Islands (BPI) for teens and preteens. BPI Jumpstart teaches them values like saving, discipline in spending and value-for-money. They can also enjoy perks and privileges from Jumpstart Zones like: Apple Center, Astrovision, Gibi Shoes, Globe Handyphone, Goodwill Bookstore, Jollibee, Kameraworld, Milo Best Center, Penshoppe, Pizza Hut, Toby's, Time Zone and Yamaha School of Music.

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PLDT WINS MAP BEST ANNUAL REPORT AWARD

The PLDT 2004 Annual Report 'Ahead of the Curve' was awarded Best Annual Report by the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) recently. Shown in photo are, from left: MAP president Evelyn R. Singson, SEC Chair Fe Barin, PLDT chair Manuel V. Pangilinan, Smart public affairs group head Ramon R. Isberto, PLDT Center head for financial reporting Chaye Furigay, MAP Best Annual Report awards committee co-chair Celso P. Vivas, PLDT Center head for investor relations Anna Bengzon, MAP immediate past president and Credit Suisse First Boston (HK) Limited country manager Simon R. Paterno, Smart investor relations head Debbie Tan and PLDT sector head for financial reporting and control Celso Dimarucut.

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UNILAB FOUNDER HONORED BY PMA

The Philippine Medical Association (PMA) has honored the late Unilab founder and chairman emeritus Jose Y. Campos 'The Father of the Philippine Pharmaceutical Industry' during PMA's 99th Annual Convention held last May 20 at the Manila Hotel. PMA honored Campos for his lifetime work and achievement that affirmed the validity of his mission to provide Filipinos with better access to affordable quality healthcare. He was also cited for cultivating a strong partnership with the country's medical professionals and healthcare institutions, and for consistently supporting their programs of continuing medical education and service to the communities. PMA likewise honored Campos for pioneering a corporate philosophy based on the Filipino trait, Bayanihan, now the hallmark of Unilab's corporate culture and key to its success in the pharmaceutical industry. Unilab board chair Jocelyn Campos Hess (3rd from left) received the award for Unilab founder Jose Y. Campos during the PMA's 99th Annual Convention held last May 20, at the Manila Hotel. Shown are (from left) incoming PMA president Dr. Joso Asa Sabili, outgoing PMA president Dr. Modesto O. Llamas, awards committee chair Dr. Nenita C. Lee Tan, and annual convention chair Dr. Eileen Habawel. Also in photo is Unilab AVP for professional relations Francisco M. Morales.